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351 die as airliners crash in mid-air

India orders inquiry into why departing and arriving jets met

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI AND HARVEY ELLIOTT

AT LEAST 351 people, including one Briton, are believed dead after a mid-air collision between a Saudi Airways Boeing 747 and a Russian-built Ilyushin-76 of Kazakh Airways near Delhi last night.

The Indian Government immediately ordered a judicial inquiry to determine if there was pilot error or whether air traffic controllers were to blame.

Witnesses on the ground described seeing a fireball falling out of the sky at dusk. Debris fell over flat farmland 40 miles southwest of the capital, a thinly populated area dotted with villages. Telephone communications are poor and access to the crash site is along farm tracks, hampering efforts by emergency services to reach the area. By early today 274 charred bodies had been recovered from the site.

Rao Singh, a building contractor who witnessed the crash from his home, said: "I saw a fireball and big black smoke falling into the fields."

The commander of a US Air Force transport plane that was flying near the mid-air collision said he saw a cloud glow bright orange and two fireballs plunge to the ground.

Delhi airport officials said the Saudi plane, whose final destination was Jeddah, had 312 passengers and crew aboard, many of them Indian labourers on their way to Saudi Arabia. It took off from Delhi at about 6.13pm local time as the Kazakh Airways Ilyushin-76, on an unscheduled flight, was coming in to land. The collision happened seven minutes after the Saudi aircraft left the ground.

India's Air Traffic Controllers' Guild, the controllers' trade union, said last night the disaster could have been averted if there had been separate arrival and departure routes at Delhi airport. Aircraft departing or arriving have to follow the same narrow corridor. It said controllers at Delhi had been making requests for separate routes for a long time.

The guild said both aircraft had been under radar control at the time of the accident and had been advised about each other's presence. The possible cause was equipment failure. "The Kazakh aircraft could have been at a lower height than had been assigned to it," the guild said.

H.S. Khola, Director General of Civil Aviation, said Delhi control tower had cleared the Saudi flight at 14,000 ft and the Russian-built aircraft had been cleared to descend to 15,000 ft. This distance was "normal practice". Aviation sources said the disaster could have been the result of a misunderstanding between air traffic controllers and the Kazakh Airways pilot. Previous problems had been caused by the poor command of English by pilots from Central Asian countries.

Indian airports do not have an impressive safety record and there has been criticism by pilots of standards at Delhi, although these have been improved significantly in recent years.

There was speculation last night that the Kazakh pilot may have cut corners to try to reduce his approach time. There is also the possibility of sudden mechanical failure, causing a loss of altitude.

The ground control system relies on the aircraft's own height-encoding transponders to indicate its precise altitude. If the transponder was either not fitted on the Ilyushin-76 or was switched off or incorrectly tuned, the controllers on the ground may not have known that the two jets were on a collision course.

The Saudi Boeing was fitted with the latest navigation aids and transponders and their pilots are regarded as among the most proficient in the world.

It was also almost certainly fitted with a mid-air collision warning device called TCAS. Although this is only mandatory for aircraft flying in US airspace, a growing number of airlines in the rest of the world are being fitted with the equipment which gives a voice and visual warning of any impending collision. But it is only effective if the other aircraft is equipped with a working transponder.

H.D. Deve Gowda, the Indian Prime Minister, ordered emergency services from Delhi into the area and appealed to the state government of Haryana, where the disaster happened, to mobilise resources.

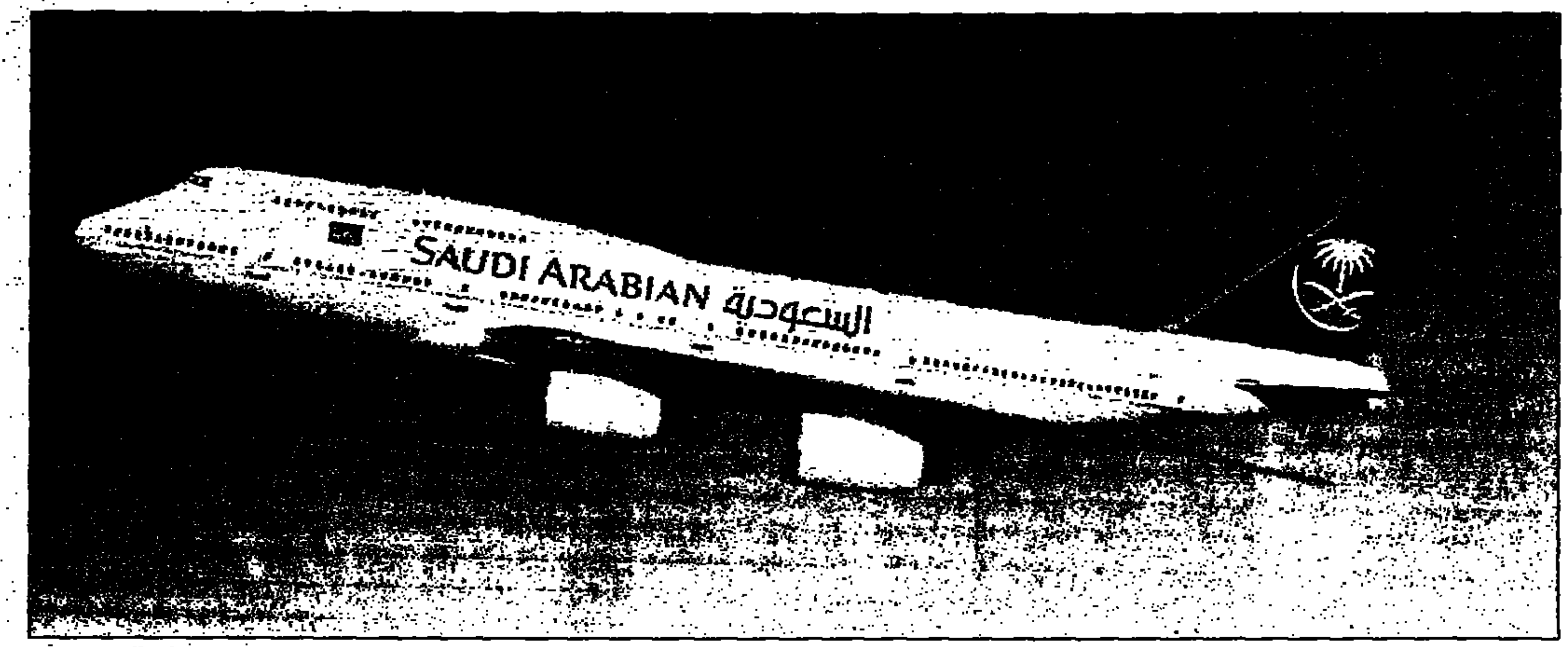
Most of the wreckage fell around the village of Charkhi Dadri, although there were no immediate reports of anyone being killed by debris. The crash area was cordoned off by police and roads were cleared to help emergency vehicles to gain access.

The Kazakh plane, carrying 27 passengers and ten crew, is believed to have been taking people on a shopping expedition to Delhi, a favourite destination because of the availability of cheap clothes.

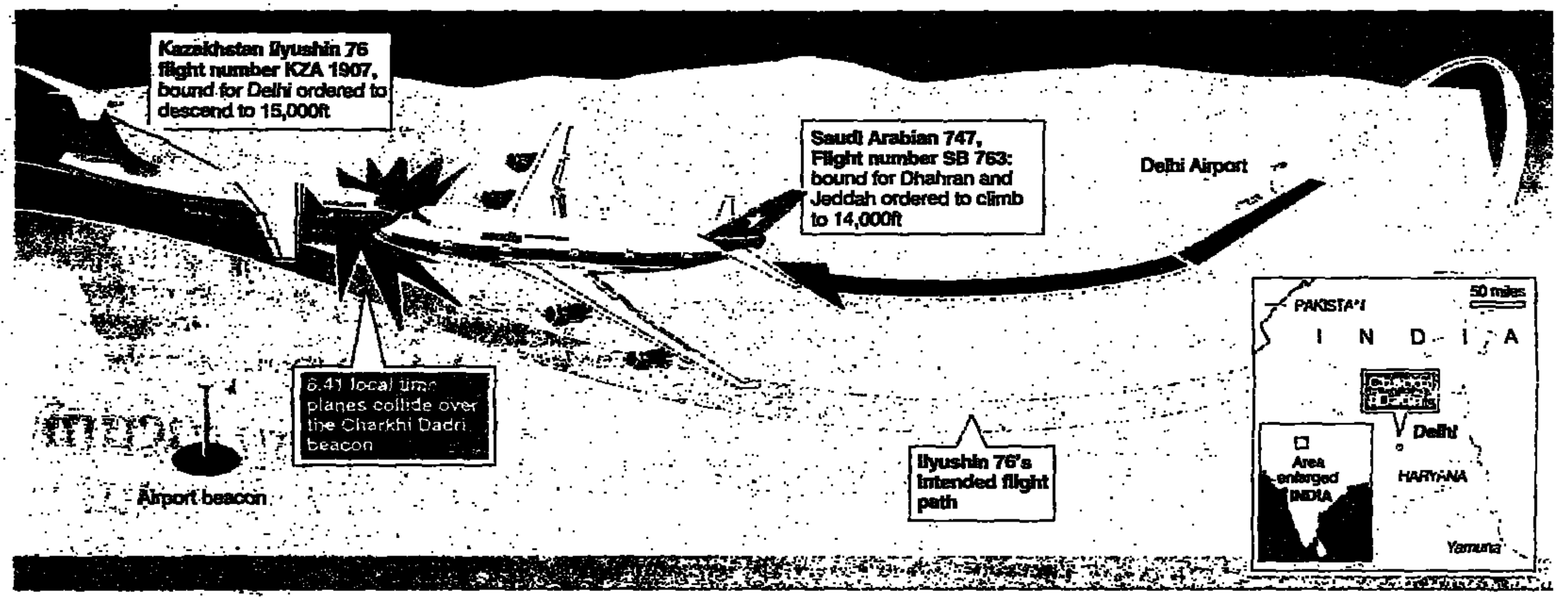
It was India's worst air disaster and appears to rank as the world's third worst airline accident. Two Boeing 747s operated by PanAm and KLM collided on the ground at Tenerife in 1977, killing 582; a Japan Airlines Boeing 747 crashed into a mountain on a domestic flight in 1985, killing 520; and in 1974 a Turkish DC-10 crashed northeast of Paris, killing 346. The worst mid-air collision before yesterday was in 1976 when a Trident and DC-9 collided over Zagreb with the loss of 176 lives.

Ranjan Chatterjee, chairman of the Airports Authority of India, denied there had been an error by air traffic controllers. There had been tension between the management and the controllers recently over the suspension of some controllers over their work performance but these were said to have been resolved.

The black box from one of the aircraft was discovered last night, although it was trapped in wreckage.



A Saudi Airways Boeing 747 similar to one lost in yesterday's mid-air crash with an Ilyushin-76, left, and below, how the disaster occurred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Christmas post strike called off

A postal strike which threatened to disrupt Christmas deliveries has been averted after unions last night accepted a peace deal from the Royal Mail.

The Communication Workers Union is to ballot its members with a recommendation to accept a 3 per cent pay rise.

Priest sent porn on the Internet

A Roman Catholic priest sexually abused boys in his parish and used the Internet to pass details of what he had done to fellow paedophiles around the world.

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Major confronts EU over 48-hour ruling

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

JOHN MAJOR paved the way for confrontation with the European Union lasting up to and through the general election yesterday when he pledged to reverse a European Court of Justice verdict imposing a 48-hour maximum working week on Britain.

The Prime Minister, in a move that won the backing of most Tory MPs, and particularly the Euro-sceptic wing, announced he could not accept the ruling of the Luxembourg judges and that if it was not changed he would block any agreement in the inter-governmental conference shaping Europe's future.

As the European Commission accused Mr Major of trying to hold his EU colleagues to ransom, amendments were tabled by Britain in Brussels last night that would have the effect of overturning the ruling and blocking alleged "loopholes" to prevent related European laws being imposed on this country by the same route.

But the Commission delivered a quick and predictable rebuff. Jacques Santer, its President, told Mr Major to get on with implementing the new rules as quickly as possible.

In a letter from Brussels to Downing Street, Mr Santer rejected the Prime Minister's call, in a letter earlier in the day, for the ruling to be reversed so British workers can be excluded.

Mr Major's tough line ensured that Britain's attitude to the ruling — giving workers the right not to be forced to work more than 48 hours against their will, a statutory entitlement to three weeks' paid holiday and a compulsory weekly rest day — would become a central election issue.

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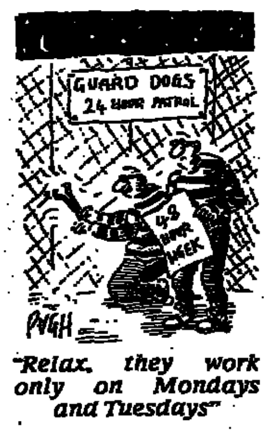

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IRA steals arms cache in London

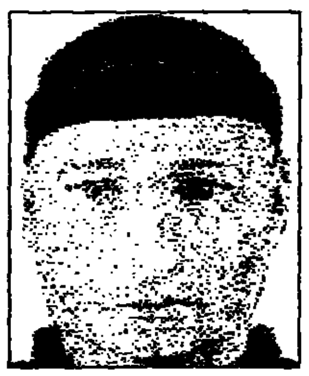
BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN IRA active service unit raided a west London storage centre and carried off a terrorist cache hidden there, increasing fears that a Christmas bombing campaign is being planned, Scotland Yard said last night.

But the three-man gang had to search frantically to find what it was looking for — they used bolt cutters to open 55 of the 200 units in the centre. The raid at 4.40pm last Friday in Shepherd's Bush Place is about a mile from the base of Diarmuid O'Neill, the IRA member shot in a police operation in September.

All three raiders used assumed accents when they spoke. Two wore stocking masks, but an E-fit photo was issued for the third, who is said to be aged 22-25, just under 6ft, powerfully built and wearing a woolly hat and a hip length car coat. Commander John Grieve, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said the unit, which the gang finally identified, had been rented for some time.

Police have been searching since February for up to 180lb of Semtex explosives linked to Edward O'Brien, the IRA bomber who blew himself up on a bus in the Aldwych.



An E-fit photograph of one of the IRA raiders

Howard doubles cash to placate Tory gun rebels

BY JILL SHERMAN
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD tried to buy off an embarrassing rebellion by Tory MPs last night by doubling the amount of compensation for gun owners and excluding historical guns from the proposed ban on handguns.

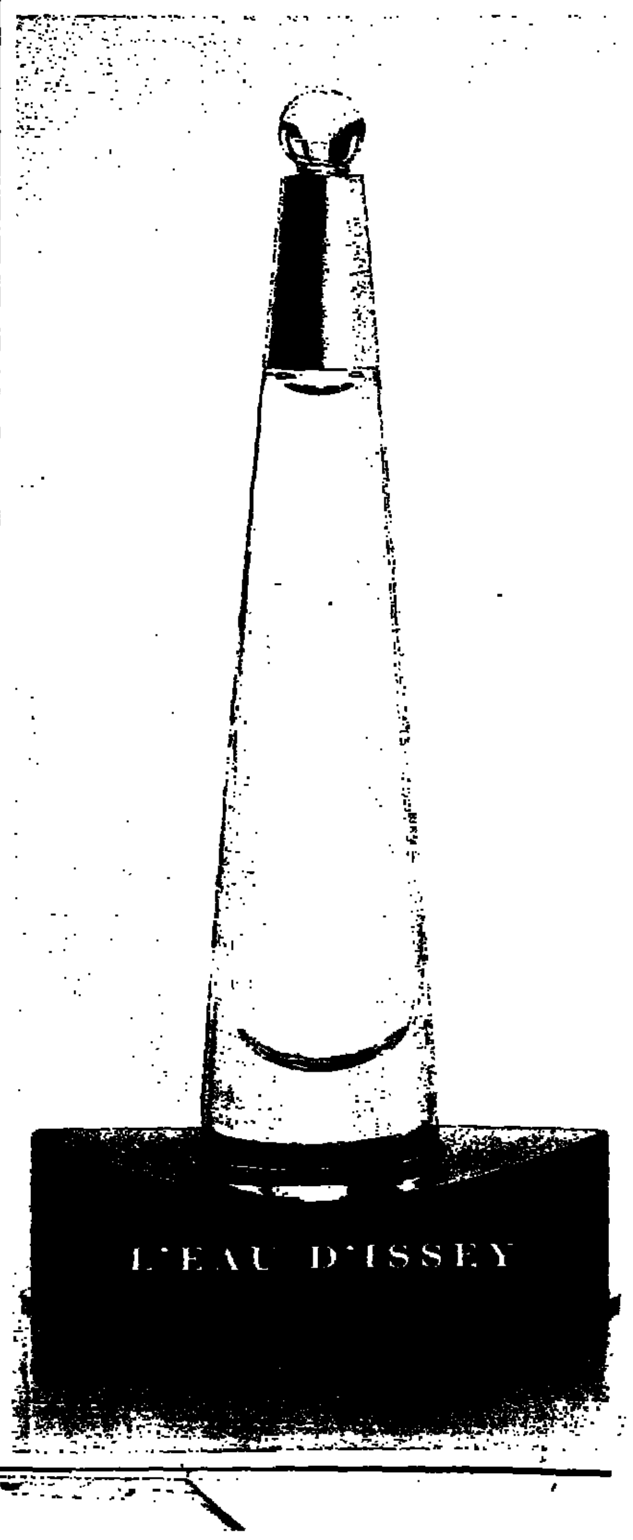
A group of senior Tory backbenchers was threatening revolt against the Government if the Home Secretary refused to increase the amount of compensation, which had been set at between £25 million and £50 million.

During the debate on the second reading of the Firearms Amendment Bill Mr Howard said that gun accessories such as reloaders, special sights and holsters would be included in the package. Officials admitted that this could raise the compensation to £100 million. Antique guns would be excluded from the ban as would muzzle-loading firearms and most handguns made before 1919.

Among the weapons which will be exempt from the new firearms law is the Webley service pistol, the standard weapon issued to British army officers during the two World Wars.

Michael Yardley, for the Sportsmen's Association, welcomed the concessions but said the Bill was "fundamentally flawed". He said that if it became law it would lead to the loss of 2,000 jobs and cost the taxpayer £300 million in compensation.

Several MPs suggested that Mr Howard had not gone far enough and argued that gun clubs and their employees should be given further compensation for loss of income, if they went out of business.



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Party leaders welcome timely gift from Santer

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Nothing is more fun than a public execution. Yesterday your sketchwriter took himself off to Committee Room 15 to watch the next instalment of *the dismembering of the* Tory whip who made the mistake of putting on paper what whips of both parties have always arranged in practice: *David Willetts.*

Were the cartoonist Bateman still alive, Mr Willetts would feature in one of his classic depictions of social gaffes: *The Man Who Wrote it Down.* One pictures the gawky confusion of the MP as older whips rush for the door while moustachioed colleagues raise eyebrows over the brandy.

At the start of the proceedings, a white-haired old lady *was shown by the policeman on* duty to a front seat in the public gallery, presumably to knit by the guillotine.

Mr Willetts looks like a giant, scraggy chicken. Yesterday he was set upon by the Dobermann-like Dale Campbell-Savours (Lab, Workington), who clearly sees himself as some sort of poor man's Perry Mason, interrupting the replies to his sneering questions. Mr Campbell-Savours became so obsessive that he helped rescue Willetts from his drubbing at the more polite — but deadly — hands of Quentin Davies (*Stamford & Spalding*), *on his* own side, on Monday.

Take it from an old Parliamentary hand: this kind of investigation will never work. *It runs right against* the grain of the Commons ethos, as does the whole select committee system. The whips on both sides *infiltrated* select committee work from the start, and this episode throws a rare shaft of daylight on to the process. *But nobody really* wants to change it. Whether Labour, Liberal Democrat or Tory you simply do not attack your own colleagues in public *unless you want to become* a pariah. This what Quentin Davies now risks. Each party has ways of disciplining, or even destroying, its own Members *in private. But* never in front of the children.

To watch the proceedings of the Standards and Privileges Committee yesterday was to observe the clash of two cultures. The culture of party, ancient and integral to the place, *versus* the culture of neutral inquiry, an uncom*fortable import.* Party will prevail. The struggle, an awkward affair, was disturbing to witness, and I returned to the Chamber...

... *Where* Father Christmas has visited MPs early, bringing an educational toy guaranteed to give the kiddies on both *sides* hours of fun. *The toy is unbreakable, dura*ble and comes with batteries. We refer, of course, to the European Working Time Directive. *John Major must* be grateful to Santa.

Yesterday he told MPs he had written to Santer to complain. Do not be fooled: complaining is part of the game.

The Directive provides something completely inconsequential about which all parties at Westminster can have a *principled row. There* is no danger of the Directive being implemented in the forseeable future.

Nor is *there* any danger *that the PM* will have *to test* his anti-European missiles this side of the election — *as* Tony *Blair* reminded MPs yesterday.

Major can huff and puff merrily. If he loses the election, nothing matters. If he wins, then, a hero to his troops, he can march *them smartly down from* the top of the hill while the champagne corks pop.

Meanwhile, Blair's troops are united behind him, while *Major's cheer lustily* behind their own leader. Nothing happens, and both men stay popular with their own side. What more can a party leader ask from Santa — or Santer?

Labour leaks 'woolly' White Paper

Fiction challenge over Dorrell's NHS casebooks

By Jeremy Laurance, *Health Correspondent*

Smith: "People won't recognise this NHS"

LABOUR leaked a draft of a Government White Paper yesterday, *to pre-empt an attempt* to persuade the electorate that the health service was safe in Tory hands.

The White Paper, to be launched today by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, commits the Government to a *universal free health service* funded from taxation. It uses nine fictitious case histories to exemplify the best the NHS can offer and to set a gold *standard of care.*

However, Labour accused Mr Dorrell of "personal electioneering" and issued its own *list of seven allegedly real-life* cases demonstrating the NHS failings. Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, *said paper was an abuse of civil servants' time,* and that its only purpose was to advance Mr Dorrell's candidature for Tory leader after the election.

"It contains no proposals for either legislative or executive action. It is merely a set of woolly aspirations and *this is perhaps why he is slighting* the House of Commons by refusing to make a ministerial statement," he said.

In its draft version, the White Paper pledges that the NHS will remain a universal free service, funded from taxation. *It rejects warnings,* notably from Sir Duncan Nichol, former NHS chief executive, that demographic *pressures and rising expecta*tions will render it unaffordable without extra, private sources of funds.

The paper says: "The Government is firm in its intention to continue providing the funding for the NHS to carry out its work. It remains committed to real-terms increases in NHS spending year by year.".

It says that priorities must be set and difficult choices made, but it rules out rationing of services at a *national* level, on the ground that blanket bans on treatments undermine clinical freedom, and that for every treatment *there are always some patients* who may benefit.

A series of illustrative examples, with named patients, *chart the ideal service the* Government wishes to see. The White Paper says: "The people in the case studies are *fictitious, but the description* of the care they receive is based on the very best of current practice, the elements of which are already available in the NHS today. These studies demonstrate the kind of care which people can expect to receive when we achieve our ambitions for the NHS."

The cases range from a young man injured in a road accident, who receives prompt neurosurgical treatment, to an *elderly woman with a painful* hip who gets a well-planned replacement operation with full post-operative care.

Mr Smith said: "This White *Paper describes an* NHS *that* many people simply will not recognise. It is the stuff of fairy tales and offers no solutions to *the real problems.*"

In the White paper, Garry Hunter, 22, is trapped inside his car after an accident. A farmer *dials 999 and a para*medic arrives within eight minutes. The patient is taken to hospital where the trauma team assess his condition, *transmit a brain scan to* another hospital with a specialist neurosurgery unit to which he is promptly transferred for *surgery.*

In Labour's example, Malcolm Murray, 45, was badly injured after being hit by a van in March 1994. He was taken *by ambulance to* Queen Mary's hospital, Sidcup, Kent, where a brain scan revealed he needed specialist neurosurgery. *Nearby hospitals* were full and a bed was eventually found 200 miles away in Leeds. Mr Murray was flown *to Leeds by helicopter and* underwent surgery eight hours after he was first admitted to hospital in Kent, but died next day.

NEIL MUNNS

A "very lucky" Simon Willmott leaving the Royal Brompton Hospital yesterday

Concrete slab victim given 50-50 chance walks out of hospital

A MOTORIST who was critically injured when his car was hit by a slab of concrete *walked out of hospital* yesterday. His consultant said Simon Willmott was "a very lucky young man".

Mr Willmott, 22, had spent* two weeks in intensive care after the block, thrown from a bridge over the M3 near Hook, Hampshire, smashed through his car windscreen and hit his chest, causing complex injuries. At one *stage of his time in the* intensive care units at two hospitals, doctors said that his chances of survival were *fifty-fifty.

As he eschewed the use of a wheelchair to leave the Royal Brompton Hospital in southwest London, he told nurses: "I appreciate everything you have all done for me." He got into a hospital car which took *him to his local hospital at* Camberley, Surrey, Frimley Park, where he was originally taken after his injury on October 17. *Kim Fox, consul*tant cardiologist, said: "I think he is aware of how lucky he is. It could have gone the other way."

Gaddafi revenge threat to back IRA

From Richard Owen
in Rome

THE Libyan leader, Colonel Gaddafi, yesterday threatened to "intervene in the civil war between Britain and the IRA" in retaliation for the formation of a four-nation European force designed to step into *crises in the Mediterranean* area.

He said the move amounted to a "declaration of war by Europe" *against the North* African states. Britain is not part of the new force, named Eurofor, which was unveiled at the weekend *in Florence.*

The force will be able to draw up to 10,000 troops from Italy, France, Spain and Portugal to undertake humanitar*ian and peacekeeping* missions in the Mediterranean region. There is also to be a new joint naval force called Euromarfor, led by a French aircraft carrier. Both forces will be at the disposal of Nato and the UN as well as the Western European Union.

Colonel Gaddafi, regarded by the Western powers as an unpredictable sponsor of terrorism, said Eurofor was itself "new *international terrorism,* and we utterly reject it". Although the Libyan leader's remarks were dismissed by some diplomats as "*his usual rhetorical posturing*", they caused dismay in Italy, which had hoped Colonel Gaddafi might attend the World Food *Summit, which opens in* Rome today.

Colonel Gaddafi, who has boasted of supplying arms to the IRA singled out Britain, *which was engaged in a civil* war, "with bombs and guns in the middle of London". "Perhaps "we need a force to *intervene in Britain*" *he said.* "We could also have a force to intervene in the Balkans and another to intervene in the European states."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nolan to head new inquiry on liability

Personal liability of councillors, university and school governors, *and other trustees of public* and charitable bodies, for decisions they make in office is to be the subject of a fresh inquiry by Lord Nolan (Valerie Elliott writes).

The study will examine the variation between the different forms of liability and will help to determine whether the surcharging of *councillors should continue in its* present form. It will also examine the precise legal status of individuals who sit on public bodies and whether *insurance* cover is available.

Carey warning

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, gave a warning against American-style "doughnut" cities *developing in* Britain as the middle classes desert the city centres, which then become "sinks of deprivation, crime and drug *abuse*". *He blamed* the collapse of moral codes.

Plastic cash

The Bank of England is considering the introduction of *plastic banknotes. They* are said to be longer-lasting than the paper variety, more resistant to tearing and harder to counterfeit. Banking officials said, however: "We are a long way from discarding our paper money".

Cracker deal

An American version of the award-winning ITV series *Cracker,* starring Robbie Coltrane, is to be made by Granada television in a deal struck with *US network ABC.* The series will be set in America with American actors. The deal is believed to be worth around £5 million.

£2.4m damages

A father of two who suffered brain damage after an asthma attack was awarded a record £2.4 million in damages *against the GP who* treated him. The award was made to Leslie Drake, 38, who was starved of oxygen during the attack ten years ago and *now needs* 24-hour care.

College pledge

Governors at Stoke-on-Trent College are to investigate a *Times* report that Neil Pres*ton, chief executive, and Helen* Chandler, an assistant director, both on long-term sick leave, are helping to run a pub in Wales. The two were not available for *comment.*

House payout

The Court of Appeal confirmed £50,000 compensation for a couple whose neighbour *undertook extensive changes* to his semi-detached house in Stoke Newington, north London. Three years of work damaged their home and delayed *its sale as prices fell.*

Green Rover

John Major has taken delivery of a car powered by natural gas and said such vehicles would in future play a key role in cleaning *up the air. The* Rover is the first environmentally friendly vehicle to be bought by the Government's *car pool.*

Gandhi's letters

A collection of newly-discovered letters by Gandhi have been withdrawn from auction *by Phillips after* a dispute over their ownership. The letters, from 1948, are worth an estimated £1 million and include *criticisms of* Churchill and Earl Mountbatten.

Tree language

The Plain English Campaign has ridiculed Northampton Borough Council for calling a Christmas tree a "horticultural festive element". *The council* said it had a policy of avoiding offence to other cultures, but the description was tongue-in-cheek.

Message aimed more at home front than battle in Europe

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

BRUSSELS threatening jobs versus minimum holidays: John Major and *Tony Blair* both believe they can turn the argument over the working time directive to advantage. This is little to do with the merits of the directive — which *British ministers did not oppose in* the past, as Sir David Steel pointed out yesterday. It is more about which issues move votes. The elec*toral impact depends on how the* argument is framed.

The Tories want the debate to be about national rights against Brus*sels intrusion, not just over yester*day's ruling — which allows many exemptions — but about whether it would open the way to similar legislation that might undermine *job creation. The Government has to play the nationalist card to make* the competitiveness case. The Tories reckon that they will gain from a confrontation with Brussels — no *deal on anything at the inter*governmental conference without a treaty amendment to ensure that the working time directive does not *apply in Britain and that no similar* legislation can be imposed upon Britain. By contrast, Labour wants to focus on the right of working *families to have three weeks'* paid holiday a *year* and not to have to work for more than an average of 48 hours a week unless they want to do so. Labour emphasises the flexibility in the directive rather than the European aspect. In particular, *Labour leaders want to play down* the pressure for more regulations from the European Parliament and parts of the Brussels Commission. *Mr Blair and Gordon Brown* interpret "social Europe" in minimalist, fairness terms. But there are weaknesses in Labour's claims that *Britain* can resist measures that would add to business costs, especially if we sign up to the social chapter. Europe has been a *double*-edged issue for the Tories. Their policies have in the past been preferred by the public, but they *have recently suffered from their* deep disunity. To his frequent frustration, Mr Major has been unable to gain much from his European battles. Five years ago, at the same stage of the last parliament, MORI gave the Tories an 18-point lead over Labour as the party having the best policies on Europe. *Labour had turned this into a six*-point lead by spring 1994 and they retained a two-point lead over the Tories this summer.

However, *taking* a strong line on *Europe may be a way that the* Tories can win back waverers. While only one in ten voters regards Europe as the most important issue *facing* Britain today, according to MORI, 18 per cent of Tory supporters and 16 per cent of those who have switched away from the Tories *since the last election do. It is third in list of importance for these* switchers, while it is rated as the most important issue by just 6 per cent of Labour *loyalists.*

The problem for Mr Major is that the Government has in the past had to compromise with its own sceptics and the rest of Europe — from the battles on qualified majority voting *to this summer's mishandled* confrontation over beef exports. But Mr Major has two tactical advantages now: first, that his own party is united, bar a handful of committed *pro-Europeans; and, secondly, that* his brinkmanship can be stretched beyond the next election. The conclusion of the IGC will be next June. *So most of what we heard yesterday,* and will hear until next spring, was aimed at British voters, not other European leaders.

Peter Riddell

Major pledges to reverse 48-hour week

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sue, apparently pleasing strategists in both main parties. Tony Blair immediately squared up to the Prime Minister in the Commons, asking if he would fight the next election on the slogan: *Vote Tory for no right* to a *holiday.*

Mr Major, who sees Labour's *stance* as a means of showing it is in favour of more regulation and, therefore, a threat to jobs, declared: "Britain wants good jobs, not worthless directives."

A *handful of pro-European Tories* voiced concern about his hard line, but Mr Major said: "I will not accept what *has been determined by the courts* today and when we reach the end of the IGC I shall demand a change or there will be no end of the IGC."

As Mr Blair swiftly pointed out, the IGC is not due to end until next June, *after the British general election.* He claimed Mr Major was already looking for an "escape route". However, senior ministers made plain that Mr Major's tough line would be evident at *the Dublin summit next month.*

Ministers called the ruling the "thin end of the wedge" and said if Britain *did not act to close the loophole* a raft of *new EU social legislation would be* introduced by the same route.

One small government victory was the court finding that the compulsory rest day need *not* be a Sunday.

About *five million public sector* workers will be covered by the ruling from November 23, but most already have similar or more favourable agreements.

John Monks, the TUC General Secretary, called the ruling "great news". Adair Turner, the CBI Director-General, *said it was* "legislation at its *worst*".

Brussels officials were delighted. "This is a good day for social Europe and for those who believe employees *should have the* right to say no to ex*cessive working hours,*" *said Padraig* Flynn, Social Affairs Commissioner.

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Six years' jail for trusted cleric who passed on details of boys he had abused

Paedophile priest sent porn on the Internet

REPORTS BY PAUL WILKINSON AND RUTH GLEDHILL

A ROMAN Catholic priest sexually abused boys in his parish and used the Internet to pass details of what he had done to fellow paedophiles around the world.

Father Adrian McLeish, 45, held the largest known collection of illicit matter yet gathered electronically. He had amassed a vast store of obscene pictures and drawings in his presbytery and exchanged thousands of explicit e-mail messages with other paedophiles.

McLeish, priest at St Joseph's church in Gilesgate, Durham, was jailed yesterday by Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court for six years. His activities were exposed a year ago as police set up an international inquiry into the distribution of paedophile material by computer.

When he was arrested, McLeish tried to hide the depth of his involvement, telling police that he had only a minor interest in child pornography and had sent one or two indecent photographs to people on the Internet. Officers seized four computers that he had built himself and began examining a huge library of disks, many of which had been erased.

McLeish had two hard disks which he referred to as his "nice disk" and his "naughty disk". In the days leading up to his arrest he destroyed numerous pornographic files and a number of videotapes he had bought in Amsterdam.

On the night before his arrest, on December 19 last year, he downloaded more than 100 pornographic pictures, a task which took him from midnight until 2am. When police arrived at 8am they had all been wiped. Police sent the disks to Paul Hicks, a forensic scientist based in Wetherby, Yorkshire, who managed to retrieve much of the information.

Yesterday McLeish admitted 12 specimen charges of indecent assaults against two 10-year-old boys, one aged 12 and another aged 18. He also admitted distributing indecent photographs, possessing them with intent to distribute them and being involved in the importation of pornographic videos of children.

To his parishioners, McLeish was a well-respected figure and the families of his victims had trusted him implicitly. After his arrest he went to see each of the boys and asked them not to betray him. One was told that he would be thought of as homosexual if he spoke to anyone.

Beatrice Bolton, for the prosecution, said: "All four boys came from families who were involved with the Catholic Church and who had a great personal liking and trust for McLeish. They were quite content to allow their children to spend time with him, including staying the night in some cases, sure they would be safe in his hands.

"The boys are finding it extremely difficult to come to terms with the breach of trust and the loyalty they felt towards the priest. They all want to get on with their lives, but it's another matter whether they will be able to or not.

"One boy wants to move house because he is aware that his address was circulated on the Internet. The boys have all had bad dreams and their behaviour has changed."

Mr Justice Moses told McLeish: "You corrupted those children and damaged them emotionally. You, and other paedophiles like you, dangerously delude yourselves if you think there is one iota of care, affection or even thought for those children. There is none."

The Right Rev Ambrose Griffiths, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, said after the case: "Father McLeish has betrayed the trust placed on him and I am shocked and disheartened by his actions. I apologise unreservedly for what he has done and the great harm he has caused to individual children, their families and the parish of St Joseph's."

McLeish trained for the priesthood at Ushaw College in Durham in the early 1970s. He first offended in 1989, when he was a junior priest in Wallsend, Tyneside. He befriended a 12-year-old boy and kissed and cuddled him before enticing him into sex acts while showing him pornographic videos of men.

In 1991 burglars tipped off police that they had found the videos at the presbytery, but McLeish denied any connection. Soon afterwards, he moved to Durham but he said that there was no link between the burglary and his decision to switch churches.

The police discovered that McLeish was linked to the Internet through at least four different companies and had a privacy program so that his communications could not be read by anyone else. His private code was "Overhead the moon is beaming".

McLeish admitted corresponding with a German paedophile and sending him indecent photographs of boys of 14. He also admitted swapping pictures of 18-year-olds with an American named Mike Rhinehart, and receiving pictures from a Jan Erich in Sweden.

Miss Bolton said: "The correspondence from his computer demonstrates he was a paedophile involved in an international paedophile ring on the Internet in which he connected regularly with at least nine other people in Sweden, Germany, France, New Zealand and the USA."

Police have passed information on up to 20 men gleaned from the priest's files to the National Crime Intelligence Service's paedophile unit. They include a teacher, a doctor, a psychologist, a student and a computer expert. One also worked as a child's outfitter.

St Joseph's church in Gilesgate, Durham. To his parishioners, McLeish was a respected figure

Father Adrian McLeish: he admitted four charges of indecent assault on boys

A team of four policemen, led by Detective Inspector Jeff Watson, spent seven months reading thousands of pages of pornographic material from McLeish's files. Mr Watson, who has two teenage children, said he and colleagues were appalled by some of the things they discovered. "There were 2,000 pictures stored on just one high-powered disk. The written stuff was probably worst of all.

"Without doubt this has had an effect on us. You cannot look at that many pictures and read so much horrendous stuff and not be affected by it. Every person who was talking to him on the Internet had some child that they were abusing. We have seen pictures of children from America who we know were being abused.

"I feel very sorry for the boys he's attacked. These children have really gone through it, bearing in mind that a priest to many people in the Catholic Church is a very powerful person. McLeish misused the priesthood and betrayed the trust of the boys he abused. At least one of them still feels he is responsible for sending this man to prison and he still loves him."

David Robson, QC, in mitigation, said: "This is a tragic case because there is no doubt he was a highly intelligent man. He was head of his year at school and was a fine musician and noted for his musical activities. He was also, as far as the world knew, a fine parish priest. He was from a highly religious background and his family, although devastated by this, is continuing to support him."

Victims' families intend to sue Catholic Church for damages

THE families of at least three of the children abused by Father Adrian McLeish are to bring a *private damages action against the* Roman Catholic Church.

Charles McCain, a solicitor representing the families of three of the boys, said: "The children and their families have suffered unimaginable harm at the hands of Adrian McLeish and their lives have been torn apart. It is impossible to say how long it will take for their lives to be repaired as a result. Legal aid has been agreed and I have been instructed to pursue a claim for damages.

"It is hoped that the church authorities will be good enough to deal with this case quickly and to place few obstacles in their way, so they can get on with rebuilding their lives. Contrary to what has been said in court today, the families believe they have been *offered very little support and help* by the Church for what they have had to endure."

The mother of one of the boys said: "I can't believe he's only got six years. We have been to hell and back, our lives have been destroyed. My son will never be the same again and both his and my health have suffered as a consequence of this."

The boys and their families have been receiving counselling since the beginning of the year, when local church authorities first learnt of McLeish's activities. Father Dennis Tindall, a child protection officer for the Hexham and Newcastle diocese, said that even those closest to McLeish did not suspect that anything was amiss until the police raided the presbytery. None of the boys had complained to their parents or reported what had been done to them until after the raid.

He said: "All this came to light just before Christmas last year. Over the ensuing weeks, as they managed to debrief the computers, we began to realise the scale of what we were dealing with.

"Even the people who worked closely with him never suspected anything like this. I have worked closely with the parents since then, and the church support services have been made available to the families and any other parishioners who have been hurt by this.

"Adrian McLeish will be permanently suspended from the priesthood and will never be able to take up a job with children again. The Church will be waiting for him when he comes out of prison and will offer him the best treatment possible at a special psychological unit for sexual offenders."

One of the families has put its home up for sale after grafitti alleging things their son had done was sprayed on walls near by. However, they have been unable to find a buyer. Detective Inspector Jeff Watson, who led the police inquiry, said: "They are trapped there, living near to the church, in a house they cannot sell with a mortgage they do not want. They have not been back to the church since this happened and the mother has suffered a great deal of ill health recently." Another family had been rehoused by the council.

Gang stabs two at Lawrence case boy's school

BY ED HARRIS

TWO pupils from the school attended by the killer of headmaster Philip Lawrence were beaten and stabbed yesterday by a rival gang of youths.

The boys, aged 13 and 14, were pounced on by up to 18 youths and hit over the head with bottles as they walked out of the school in northwest London at lunchtime. One of the boys was slashed across the hand with a craft knife.

The two victims were taken to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, for treatment where they were treated and later discharged.

The school, Quintin Kynaston, in St John's Wood, is near the school where Mr Lawrence was stabbed to death by Learco Chindamo last year.

Chindamo, a member of a self-styled "Triad" gang, was convicted at the Old Bailey of murdering Mr Lawrence and jailed earlier this year. Police said yesterday that there had been a history of violence between rival gangs in the area. The attackers are all believed to be of South American origin and their victims Somalis.

Superintendent Richard Miles said: "It was a cowardly attack on two defenceless boys. There have been a few problems with rivalry between gangs in the area. There is no evidence that these are related in any way with the Learco Chindamo incident.

"It was a particularly unfortunate attack as the headmaster has been working closely with us to prevent something like this from happening."

Police are hoping that the attack was caught by surveillance cameras on the road outside the school. It is believed that the youths knew their attackers, who were not from the school.

Nicholas Elliott-Kemp, the headmaster, said a security fence and closed-circuit cameras would be installed at the school. "All schools need to be vigilant. You should not build schools in the middle of the city without fences around them.

"This is a precaution we have been asking for for ten years," he said.

"Our staff are well trained in defusing situations with outsiders and as soon as one of my teachers appeared today these youths fled."

Pupils at the school described how the gang approached the boys. One girl said: "The gang came on to the school and went up to this boy and said to him 'you are too rude' and started beating him up. All the students respected the two of them and they didn't deserve this."

Jockey tells of lovesick worker's threat to murdered stablegirl

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A JOCKEY spoke yesterday of a chilling remark made by a farmworker who had an unrequited love for a stablegirl. Jimmy Frost said the man had vowed that "if she had anybody else, he would kill her".

The National Hunt jockey told Exeter Crown Court that he had brushed off the remark lightly, but added: "It felt as if it was meant seriously."

A few months later, the stable girl, Jessie Hurlstone, 27, was found battered to death with 30 injuries, after returning from a drink with another man. The farmworker, Stephen Webber, 39, denies murdering her at Hawson Stables, near Buckfastleigh, south Devon, owned by Mr Frost's father.

The court had been told that Mr Webber was always trying to help Miss Hurlstone, gave her gifts and had even made a will leaving his home and possessions to her, but she wanted only friendship.

Mr Frost, son of the National Hunt trainer Richard Frost, told the jury that Mr Webber, whom he had known since youth, discussed Jessie with him on more than one occasion. "He made it pretty clear he had strong feelings for her," he said.

Miss Hurlstone had worked there for about 4½ years and was "dedicated, cheerful and enjoyed her job". He and Mr Webber were working together in the summer of last year when the farmworker allegedly made the remark about killing her.

Valerie Frost, the jockey's mother, recalled that Mr Webber had questioned her about the stablegirl's movements. When Christopher Wilson-Smith, QC, for the defence, suggested that Mr Webber appeared to be quite fond of her, Mrs Frost said: "Not necessarily fond. He tried to possess her."

Mr Wilson-Smith said: "He was basically like a little adoring puppy towards Jessie." Mrs Frost replied: "Yes, running around after her trying to do things for her. She let him do it, yes." The stablegirl who found the body, Jessica Neal, 18, said Mr Webber used to give the girl presents, including an expensive pedigree cat, and was "extremely possessive" in the way he talked about her. But Miss Hurlstone "did not want to know" and "only wanted friendship, and that was all," she said. She told Mr Wilson-Smith that she did not know Mr Webber had made a will in favour of Miss Hurlstone.

Roderick Denyer, QC, for the prosecution, said that the killing stemmed "from the oldest motive in the world — if I cannot have her, no one can".

Mr Webber was said to have planned the attack, carried out after he walked across fields to the woman's caravan, picking up an iron bar which, the court heard, was used by Richard Frost to load sileage bales.

Miss Hurlstone had been to a pub on October 20 last year, with a man she had been seeing for a couple of weeks. She went to the main house after 11pm to ask Richard Frost to walk her to her caravan, a request she had never made before, the trainer told the jury.

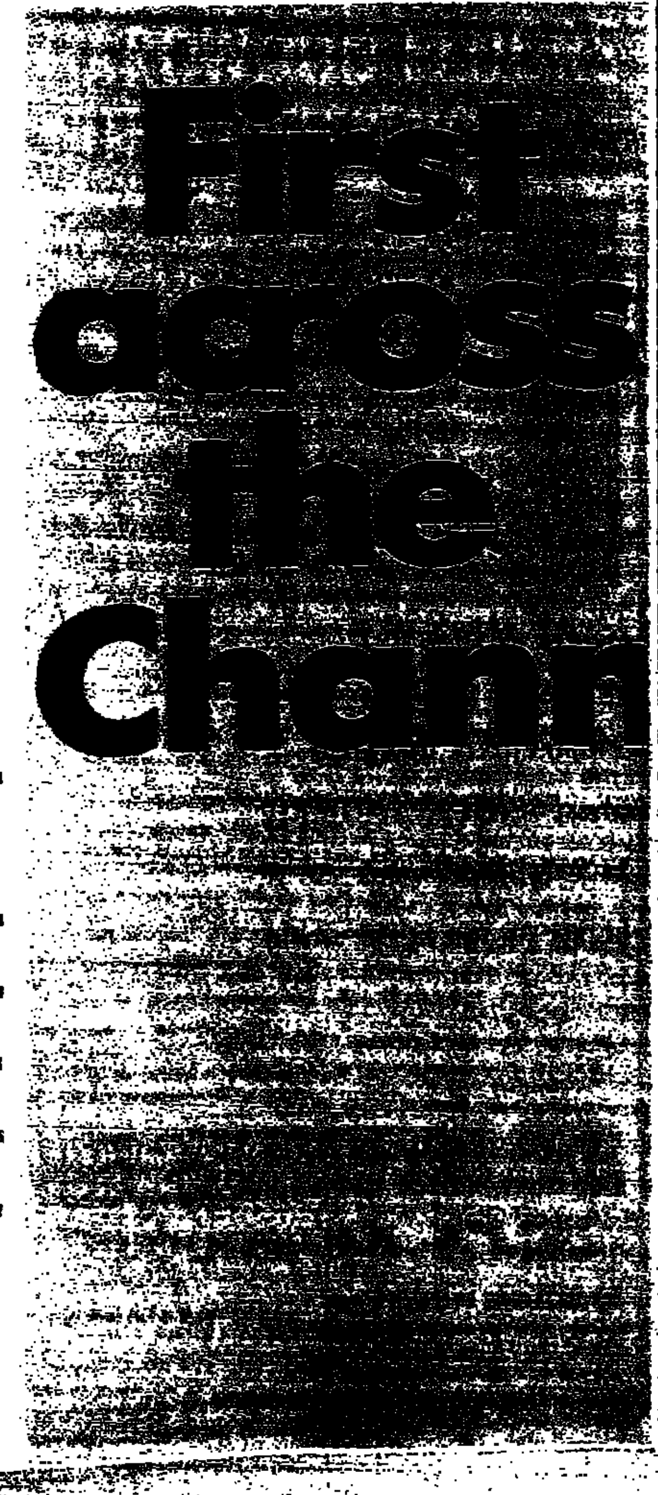
She was found beaten to death at her caravan. Her injuries included ten major head wounds, one of which penetrated her brain. Mr Webber was said to have admitted the killing in a second police interview, saying he wanted to "get his own back" for the way she had made him "look small".

He allegedly smashed the window and got into the caravan. She had woken and said: "What are you doing here?" He is alleged to have replied: "I am here to teach you a lesson."

The police statement continued: "I know I had the bar in my hand but that was to frighten her. The plan was not to hit her." But he was in a temper: "I hit her so much I was out of puff."

Afterwards, Mr Webber allegedly drove home, got out of his bloodstained clothing, then drove to a friend's house where he had a bath, changed and dumped the weapon and soiled clothes. The trial continues today.

The "dedicated" stablegirl, Jessie Hurlstone, the jockey Jimmy Frost, left, and Stephen Webber



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College was set to field woman in men's eight until rowing officials put their oar in

Cambridge team loses girl with pulling power

By Russell Jenkins

A NEW rower seemed like an ideal find for a Cambridge University men's eight. The 6ft student weighed in at 11½ stone and had plenty of pulling power. Nobody minded that she was female.

Jenny Fox proved herself in intensive training with the Blues Development Squad during the summer. It was only when she was selected for a race that the team thought they had better confirm there would be no problems with the Amateur Rowing Association.

Last night her short career in men's rowing was at an end after the ARA emphasised that men's teams were still for men only and that mixed teams were allowed only at specific events.

Miss Fox, a 19-year-old veterinary student from Twickenham, west London, said: "It is ridiculous. I am basically taller than some of the men's eight and nearly on a par with strength, but I am not allowed to row."

She was introduced to rowing last year as a first-year student and is the powerhouse of most women's crews with whom she rows. She enjoyed four weeks' intensive training in July and Mike Rogers, the Robinson College captain, tested his new recruit's prowess with several punishing work-outs on the river. It was thought that there was no reason why she should not compete and, when injury forced a team member to drop out of the university's Autumn heads of the river races, Miss Fox won the spare place on merit.

Yesterday she said: "I am upset because I was looking forward to it. If anything, a woman rowing in a men's boat is a disadvantage, whilst a man rowing in a woman's boat would be a clear advantage.

"I have comparable strength with some in the boat, but the training with the university really helped to improve my technique.

"I think the ban is a bit silly really. Our boat captain wanted to put out the best eight. Someone was injured and I was the replacement. I don't see why I should not be allowed to race."

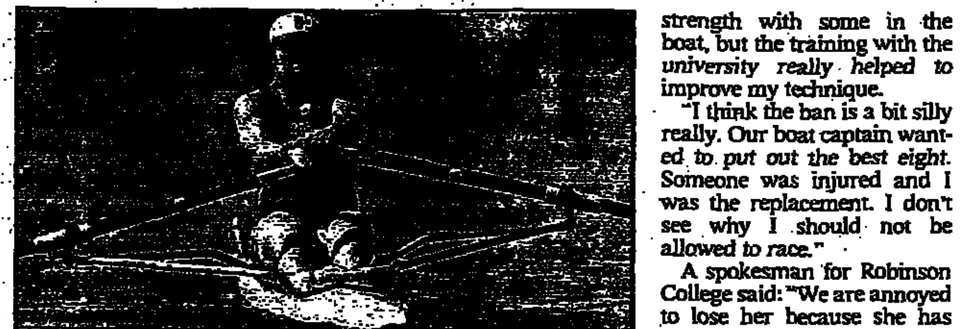
A spokesman for Robinson College said: "We are annoyed to lose her because she has been training very hard with us. It is a shame that she is not allowed to row in the event, under the ruling system that we use."

Rosemary Napp, ARA national manager, said that the heads-of-river races — begun originally as winter time trials — were governed by the association's rules, which outlawed mixed crews apart from specific events.

She said that the rules of the sport were being rewritten and moves to break down the gender barrier were currently before the ARA council.

Miss Fox now intends to concentrate on the college women's eight. During term time, she can manage only three early-morning sessions on the river each week, because she has to concentrate on her studies.

She believes that women are getting better and stronger. "There is still quite a big gap but there are women coming up who are amazing," she said.



Women are becoming increasingly successful in endurance sports and a steady improvement in British women rowers led to a fifth place at the Atlanta Olympics for the single-sculler Guin Batten (above).

Jurgen Grobler, the ARA's chief men's coach, is convinced that women are growing stronger and are steadily gaining on their male counterparts. At the fours head of the river race on the Thames at the weekend, a female crew came 42nd out of 450 mostly male crews. Mr Grobler, who once trained the top East German women rowers, said there was a 7 to 10 per cent "performance gap" between the sexes, but this was narrowing.

Women are becoming more successful in most endurance sports, including rowing, he said, although inexperience may hold them back. "There is no difference in technique. Women use a little bit more upper body swing to compensate for their lower strength, especially in the arms. The problem in Britain is that women start quite late because there is no tradition, as there is in men's rowing, of developing the sport at schools like Eton and Westminster."

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Jenny Fox in action. She said: "I am taller than some of the men's eight"

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Cambridge was Said's first choice for donation

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

WAFIC SAID, the Middle East businessman who has pledged £20 million to establish a business school at Oxford University, offered the money first to his alma mater of Cambridge, *The Times* discloses today.

In an interview, Mr Said says that his donation — one of the biggest to a British university — would have gone to Cambridge had it not already begun work on its own school. Cambridge's school was named after its principal donor, Sir Paul Judge.

Mr Said has given Oxford until February to reach agreement on a site for the £40 million school that will bear his name. Dons rejected a plan to build on the University Club playing fields at last week's meeting of Congregation, the dons' parliament, but there will be a postal ballot of staff if an alternative site cannot be found by next term.

Said: has pledged £20m to Oxford

Mr Said said he would find it "regrettable, heartbreaking, a terrible blow" to withdraw the donation, but he would have no choice. "Everyone would lose," he added.

Professor John Kay, who is to head the School of Management Studies, said he would call off his move to Oxford if there was no agreement. "I am less demanding about the timetable because it might be that there were other solutions the university could explore, but I have always said my appointment was conditional on the scheme going through." Professor Kay said he was not aware of other sites in central Oxford that would be suitable. "People have looked before and not come up with anything."

David Wilson, the chief executive of the Radcliffe Infirmary, ruled out the hospital as an alternative site for the school. The ten-acre site has been a target for the university, but the hospital is not expected to move until 1992 and the business school is planned to open in 1998.

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Oil disaster pilot clears his name

By Jonathan Prynn

THE pilot of the *Sea Empress* oil tanker, which ran aground off Milford Haven in February, spilling thousands of tons of oil, has been cleared of incompetence after an appeal.

John Pearn, 34, who was responsible for guiding the 147,000-tonne ship towards a Texaco oil refinery when it struck rocks, was demoted by a disciplinary tribunal in June and banned from piloting vessels over 90,000 tonnes.

The ban was lifted yesterday by the harbour authority, which accepted his defence that he had calculated the ship's course correctly, but other unknown factors had contributed to the vessel running aground.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, did not say (report, November 11) that "a clash between the judiciary and Government over sentencing would dominate the run-up to the General Election". He did not describe the Home Secretary's sentencing plans as a recipe for "tensions" and "unhappiness and challenge"; these remarks referred to the possible operation of the proposed new system of remission. We apologise for the errors.

☐ A photograph accompanying a report yesterday on Dr Robert Fine, a lecturer who is seeking an injunction in the High Court against Mrs Eileen McLardy, was not of Mrs McLardy but of a woman entirely unconnected with the case. We apologise to those concerned.

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Prophet of doom says deadly collision is inevitable and could destroy half the world's population

Scientist accuses Britain of ignoring asteroid threat

By Nigel Hawkes
SCIENCE EDITOR

HALF the world's population could be snuffed out by a doomsday asteroid — and Britain is doing nothing about it, according to an astronomer. "It isn't a matter of if, it's a matter of when," Dr Duncan Steele told a meeting at the British National Space Centre in London yesterday.

"We know of at least 200 craters on Earth caused by impacts," he said. "The chances that one will hit us is a low-probability event, but it's also a high-consequence event." Dr Steele said that Britain had done nothing, despite a call from the Council of Europe to take the threat seriously.

He estimates that an asteroid large enough to kill a quarter and maybe as much as half of the world's population strikes on average once every 100,000 years. Given the number killed, that means that the risk to the average person of dying in this way is one in 5,000 — four times as great as the chances of being killed in an air crash.

Smaller asteroid impacts are much more common, but their consequences are less extreme. In 1908 an object estimated to be just 30 metres in diameter struck Siberia and laid waste an area of forest more than 30 miles across.

Events like this may occur once a century. Most are likely to be over the oceans or relatively uninhabited land, but a direct hit on a city could cause huge destruction.

The astronomers at the meeting agreed that the chances of a collision were small but that the subject demanded further study. In spite of strong calls from some present, however, they stopped short of urging more spending to investigate the threat or ways of preventing it.

After years as a fringe activity, searching for doomsday asteroids and wayward comets has become respectable. Earlier this year, the US government launched a programme, and France Germany and Italy have all responded to the Council of Europe's call, made in March.

Last week Edward Teller, the American scientist often described as the father of the hydrogen bomb, wrote to the British and Australian Prime Ministers to express concern over lack of action.

Dr Steel has personal reasons for trying to raise the temperature, as his grants — from the Australian Government and the US Air Force — to conduct an asteroid search from an Anglo-Australian telescope in New South Wales, end at the end of this year.

"Once that finishes there won't be any observations made from the Southern Hemisphere," he says. He believes that a full surveillance programme could be set up with six two-metre telescopes, each costing about $5 million. Money spent on diverting asteroids would be justified only if one was identified on a collision course, he says: "Surveillance costs very little, prevention a lot."

If one were identified shortly before it hit, nothing could be done. But a greater likelihood is that it would be identified many orbits in advance of an actual collision, allowing time to plan how to deal with it. The favoured solution would be to launch a rocket armed with a nuclear warhead and explode it close to the asteroid. The idea is not to break it up, which could cause even more trouble, but to generate enough thrust to push it off its collision course with Earth.

"People say it's science fiction, but it's not," Dr Steel insists. "We have got to take it seriously. There's plenty of expertise in Britain, but the Government is doing nothing."

☐ One of three meteorites from Mars expected to fetch millions of dollars at an auction next week was acquired from the Natural History Museum, it emerged yesterday. The meteorite would have been swapped with a private buyer for other valuable material before the prospect of life on the planet was raised by Nasa scientists.

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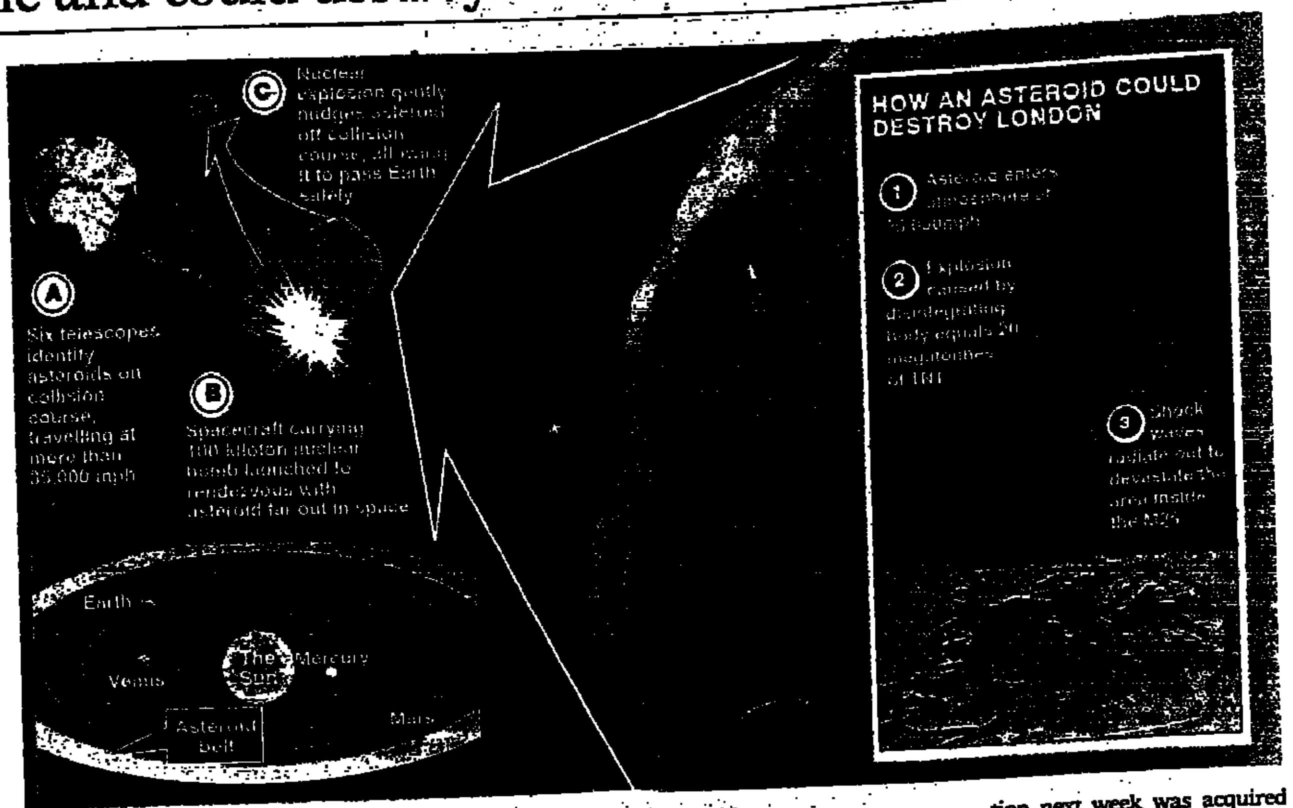
Since the search for near-Earth asteroids began, a number of near-misses have been recorded:

- **January 17 1991: an asteroid nine metres across passes within 100,000 miles of Earth — less than half the distance to the Moon.**
- **May 20 1993: an asteroid between five and 11 metres across misses Earth by 80,000 miles. It isn't spotted until it has already passed.**
- **1994: two asteroids pass less than 100,000 miles from the Earth.**
- **1989: a really big asteroid, 1989 FC, which may have been 500 metres across, comes within 450,000 miles. It sounds like a long way, but the Earth had been in that exact spot just six hours earlier.**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Doctors grapple with drinking problem in court

By Adrian Lee

ONE OF the few points on which experts agreed in the High Court yesterday, as they grappled with the case of an executive whose drinking habits cost him a job, was that deciding exactly what constituted an alcohol problem was a difficult task.

Did Peter Baker's estimated weekly intake of four bottles of wine and a self-confessed drinking spree in Monte Carlo make him unemployable?

Mr Baker, 53, is suing the doctor who believed the answer was yes and, after a medical, recommended he should not get a £45,000-a-year international sales post with NBC Europe. Dr Georges Keye estimated Mr Baker consumed 35 units of alcohol a week and concluded that drinking was responsible for an abnormal blood test.

Brian Gazzard, a consultant physician at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, told the court that an alcohol level of 35 units — a unit is equivalent to half a pint of beer — was not in itself dangerous. However, the doctor, who gave his colleague Dr Keye a second opinion in February 1991 and agreed with his diagnosis, said that coupled with the TV festival in Monte Carlo, when Mr Baker drank a bottle of wine a day, it was indicative of a pattern often seen in people who drank but claimed not to.

Dr Keye, of Kensington, west London, told the court that Mr Baker's drinking was excessive, according to the then recognised ceiling of 21 units a week for men and 14 for women. In any case, the blood tests indicated that Mr Baker had seriously underestimated his intake.

He said that Mr Baker's guarded replies when questioned about his drinking also played a part in his decision. NBC's parent company, General Electric Technical Services, took a strict view on alcohol. Dr Michael Rehmar of New York, a former director of General Electric's medical centre in America, said the company had become less tolerant of alcohol in the late 1980s. "There was a recognition that alcohol interfered with executive decision-making ability. They made errors involving hundreds of millions of dollars."

Professor Neil McIntyre, professor of medicine at the Royal Free Hospital in north London, did not believe Mr Baker's alcohol intake to be exceptional. "I would have thought 35 units a week should not alarm anybody about a person's ability to function in a work capacity," he said.

Dr Anne Cockroft, director of the Royal Free's health and safety unit, said she did not believe a blood test of the type used was the best way of diagnosing an alcohol problem. She said sickness and absenteeism were far better indicators.

Mr Baker, of Great Bookham, Surrey, who now runs his own television distribution company, is claiming damages from Dr Keye over an alleged breach of his duty of care to make a proper assessment of his health.

The case continues.

Eileen McLardy and her husband Angus leaving the High Court in London last night

Stalking case student says tutor had affairs

By Richard Duce

A WOMAN accused of stalking her university lecturer accused him yesterday of having affairs with other students.

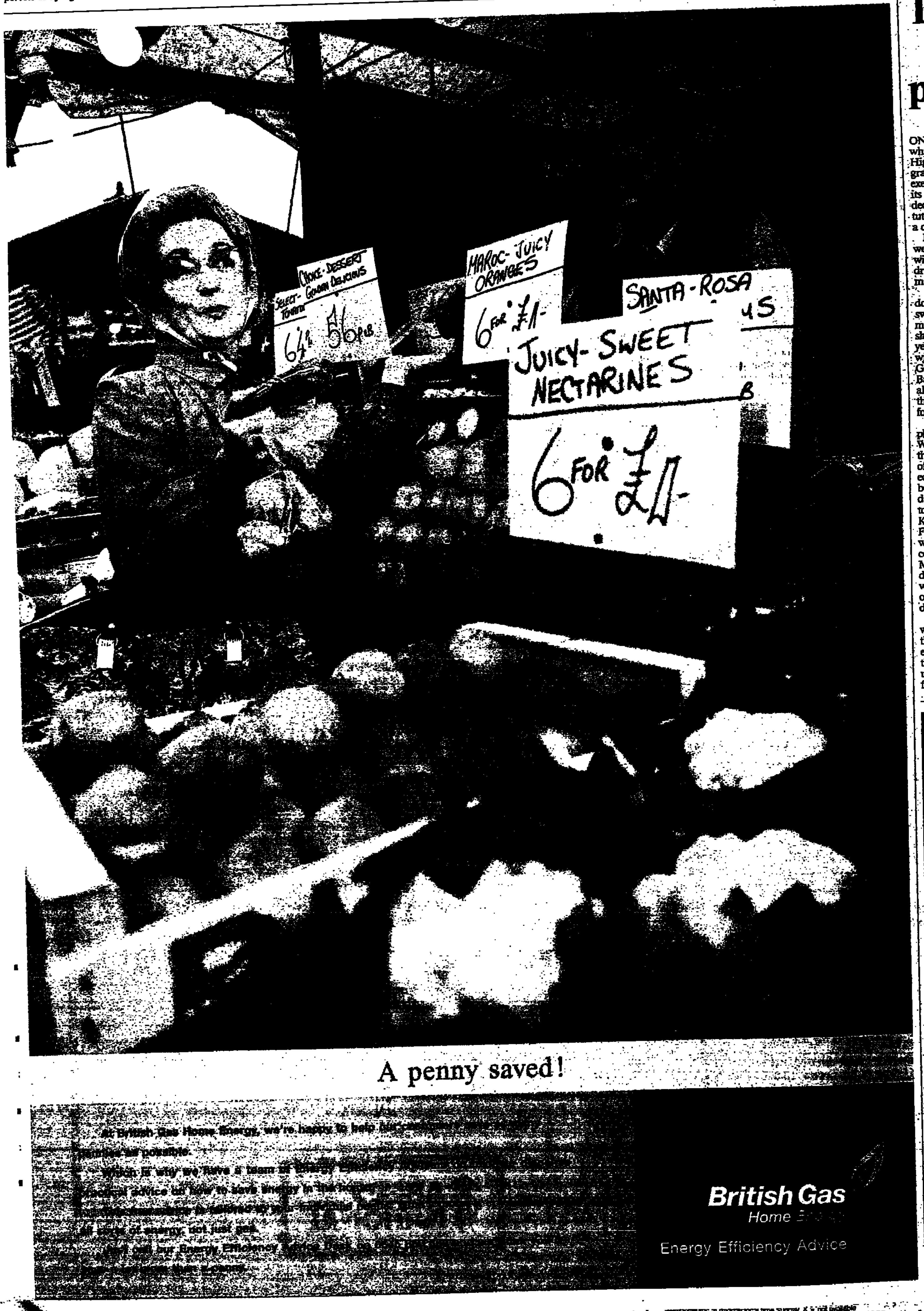
Eileen McLardy, 50, told the High Court in London that she believed she was acting for womankind in bringing a sexual harassment claim against Dr Robert Fine, a senior sociology lecturer at Warwick University.

Her claim was dismissed by university authorities last year. By then, the court was told, Mrs McLardy had launched a vendetta against Dr Fine, including repeatedly staring through the windows of his house in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. At first Mrs McLardy repeatedly refused to answer questions from Judge Thompson, QC, about the exact nature of her harassment claim. Eventually she said: "He looked like he was going to jump me. I felt a distinct sexual advance was made at me."

Mrs McLardy, of Coventry, said that by making her complaint, she believed Dr Fine would stop the harassment. "It didn't seem to work. He was having affairs with other doctorates."

Dr Fine, 50, is seeking an injunction to prevent her molesting him at his home or at work, and is seeking damages.

The case continues.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Curbs on gambling are lifted

Casinos to open in cathedral cities and spa resorts

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

CASINOS are to be allowed to open in some of England's cathedral cities and spa towns under government plans announced yesterday to extend hard gambling to 20 new areas. Ministers have ruled out the development of American-style resort casinos comprising 1,000-bedroom hotels and gaming rooms.

Under the proposals, casinos would be allowed in areas centred on Bath, York, Exeter, Harrogate, Norwich, Eastbourne and Telford. They have been chosen as key conference centres with capacity for more than 5,000 people. Docklands in east London is also to be designated as an area where casinos can operate.

A further 12 areas, based on population and distance from 118 existing casinos, have been earmarked. They are Croydon in southeast London, Dartford and Folkestone in Kent, Gloucester, Hastings in East Sussex, Ipswich in Suffolk, Morecambe in Lancashire, Oxford, Redbridge in Essex, Slough in Berkshire, Swindon in Wiltshire and Weymouth in Dorset.

Timothy Kirkhope, a Home Office minister, said that his proposals were brought forward as part of the Government's wider initiative aimed at cutting the number of regulations imposed on business.

But he said that in the business of gambling, some regulations still had to be retained to provide protection for the public. "There are those who say it would be a good idea to deregulate totally. I do not believe this country is ready for that."

Mr Kirkhope said that the plans to permit casinos to be sited in a further 20 areas would not lead to American-style gambling. "We are not going for Las Vegas or Atlantic City resort casino operations.

"Britain is not ready for that sort of unlimited approach. We do not think it would work and we are not going to encourage it," he told a press conference at the Home Office.

Casinos will be allowed to operate slot machines with unlimited stakes and payouts and up to three slot machines will be allowed for each gaming table. This could mean 100 machines in the largest casino in London.

The Government is planning to ease the restrictions imposed on gambling since 1968 by allowing prospective members of casinos to apply for membership by post rather than in person and to give members access to other casinos within the same group.

The ban on advertising by casinos is to be partially lifted, allowing operators to provide information in non-national publications, including magazines, newspapers, telephone directories and holiday guides. They will not be allowed to promote their business on television and radio.

Mr Kirkhope said that allowing casinos general freedom to advertise would risk uncontrolled growth of casino gaming, carrying the serious risk of problem gambling.

The Government has already announced that casinos will be allowed to sell alcohol until 2am and has cut the waiting time for membership from 48 hours to 24 hours.

Brian Lemon, the general secretary of the British Casino Association, welcomed the proposals. He said: "The casino industry has been stuck in a timewarp of 1960s regulation but operating in the 1990s world of fierce competition. These proposals recognise that the world has move on.

"We do not want wholesale deregulation but these proposals will allow us to offer better facilities to our home players and attract overseas visitors."

JOHN STILLWELL

Wedding suit and tie: Prince Charles in Islamic marriage gown yesterday

Prince is dressed for marriage of cultures

THE Prince of Wales was dressed for a wedding yesterday in Uzbekistan, on the last day of his tour of central Asia, and ended up looking like a marriage between East and West.

The Prince was helped into a traditional purple Islamic wedding gown by the country's religious leader, the Mufti Mukhtar Abdullaev. A multi-coloured silk staff was tied around his waist and a square skull cap placed on his head — but he kept his collar buttoned and his tie knotted.

Then the Prince, who was due to fly home last night, set off to see the Osman Koran, said to be the world's oldest Islamic holy book, at Tashkent's Tellya Sheikh Mosque. The Prince showed great interest in the Koran, which has some pages stained with the blood of the Caliph Osman, murdered in 655. It was plundered by Russia in the 1870s and returned only in 1989.

The Mufti, flashing a bottom row of gold teeth, entertained the Prince and his entourage with bread — a traditional welcome — and a choice of tea and Coca-Cola.

At the official opening of the new British Embassy in Tashkent, formerly the Mongolian Consulate, Uzbekistan's Prime Minister Utkir Sultanov told his guest: "You are very famous for your sense of humour." The Prince replied drily: "I find it's the only way to avoid a nervous breakdown."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Arson fear at police science lab

A fire at the Forensic Science Service laboratory in Wetherby, Yorkshire, on Monday night may have been started deliberately in an attempt to destroy evidence, the Home Office believes.

The laboratory is one of seven serving police forces throughout England and Wales. A tenth of the building was damaged in the fire. West Yorkshire Police said they were treating the cause as suspicious.

Acid attack

Families fled from a housing office in Paddington, central London, when a woman scattered cleaning acid and tried to start a fire. Last night a woman aged 30 was under police guard in hospital with burn injuries. One man had first aid at the scene.

Couple seize girl

A girl aged eight was abducted by a couple from a street in Hastings, East Sussex, and driven away to be sexually assaulted on an unmade road near woods. She was later found wandering by a relative. The couple escaped in their small, two-door white car.

Water defeat

Farmers who say that Government plans to cut nitrate pollution in water unfairly penalise them lost their attempt to take a challenge straight to the European Court of Justice. A High Court judge ruled the case should first be heard in England.

Guerin honour

Veronica Guerin, the journalist shot dead in Dublin, was presented last night with a posthumous People of the Year award. Received by her husband Graham Turley, the award marked "her courageous and fearless single-minded pursuit of the truth".

Piping the Stone

A new pipe tune, *The Return of the Stone*, has been composed by Captain Gavin Stoddart, Director of Army Bagpipe Music at Edinburgh Castle, who will play it as he leads Friday's return of the Stone of Destiny to Scotland over the Coldstream Bridge.

Caviar could be off the menu as poachers threaten the sturgeon

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

THE world market in caviar is in danger of collapse as uncontrolled poaching and smuggling of sturgeon from the Caspian Sea pushes the fish towards extinction, environmentalists and caviar importers said yesterday.

Experts believe that, without an urgent crackdown on the burgeoning illegal trade, the supply of caviar on the shelves of stores such as Fortnum and Mason could be nothing more than a memory within five to ten years.

The endangered sturgeon

Britain is a big importer of "black pearls", its 30 tons a year representing a trade worth £30 million. Studies on behalf of the World Wide Fund for Nature and the World Conservation Union indicate that at least half — and possibly up to 90 per cent — of the 30 tons is the result of illegal poaching. In Germany, caviar should retail at £470 a kilo, but illegal caviar is selling at £100.

Importers urged consumers yesterday to demand that retailers guarantee that their caviar comes from legal sources to save the trade, and the sturgeon, from extinction. Susanne Taylor of Dieckmann and Hansen, one of Europe's leading importers of caviar, said: "If customers knew what was going on, they would buy their caviar from reputable shops whose supplies come from legal sources." Mrs Taylor, whose company is based in Hamburg, said at a meeting in London yesterday that she was even more pessimistic about the fate of the sturgeon. "If this carries on there will be no sturgeon left and that might be two or three years."

The threat to the sturgeon, three species of which form the bulk of the caviar trade, has followed the break-up of the Soviet Union. Fishery regulations have gone by the board and resulted in a free for all in the Caspian Sea, home to the Russian, stellate and beluga sturgeon.

A report by Traffic Europe, a group funded by WWF to study the trade in species and their parts, says that sturgeon are especially vulnerable to overfishing and that the population was being devastated. Paul Toyne, a conservation officer with WWF, said some of the fish were probably smoked and eaten as a delicacy, but the majority were more likely discarded.

Conservationists said yesterday that pollution levels in the Caspian Sea were adding to the pressures on the sturgeon. Its impact, and that of poaching and damming of rivers, is evident in the declining numbers of beluga sturgeon returning to key rivers to spawn. In the early 1970s, 25,000 used to migrate up the Volga, but this has fallen to below 12,000. A million stellate sturgeon used to return to the Ural river: now the number is nearer 200,000.

The conservationists believe urgent action is needed to save the trade and the fish and are calling on the countries bordering the Caspian Sea to draft a management scheme to crack down on poachers and overfishing. Exporters, importers, retailers and consumers are being urged to set up a certification scheme for sturgeon similar to those in place for timber and organic food.

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Tory whisperers say Davies was moved by pique

BY ANDREW PIERCE

QUENTIN DAVIES, whose attack on the integrity of David Willetts in the cash-for-questions inquiry on Monday infuriated his Tory colleagues. was the subject of a backbench whispering campaign yesterday.

The Tory high command spread the word that Mr Davies, MP for Stamford and Spalding, had been inspired by pique at his failure to become a minister. It was a theory given credence by Mr Davies's wife, Chantal.

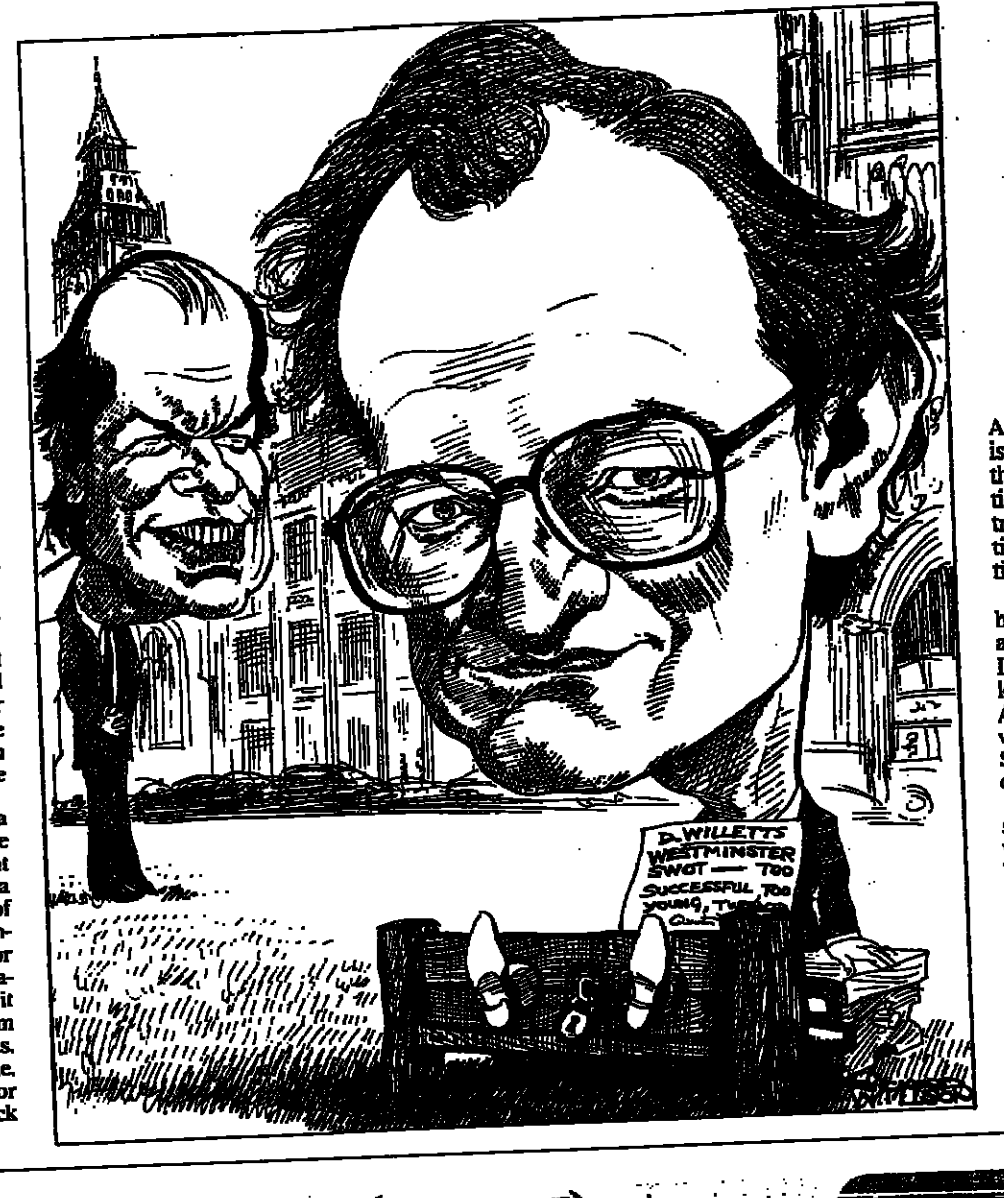
Mrs Davies suggested that her husband had expected to be travelling to Westminster in a ministerial limousine by now. "Of course he should be in the Government," she said. "It's crazy that he isn't. I have no idea why he has not made it. You had better ask the Prime Minister."

Sir Simon Benton-Jones, the MP's constituency president, concurred. "It is a sadness to us that his talents have not been recognised."

One theory being put around the Commons tea rooms yesterday was that Mr Davies, an MP since 1987 and one of only two Tory rebels in the Commons vote on the Scott report in February, would be promoted to keep him quiet. Mrs Davies, who is also his Commons secretary, said: "I came up with that theory. He will have to wait and see what happens, but I don't think he has got a cat in hell's chance now."

Mr Davies was educated at Cambridge and Harvard and has been a merchant banker and diplomat. He is a One Nation Tory who believes in the restoration of village stocks and public floggings.

He had set his heart on a junior Treasury post in the 1994 reshuffle, and is thought to suspect Mr Willetts, a former Treasury whip, of thwarting his hopes of becoming an aide to the Chancellor last year, although Mrs Davies rejects that. However, it has been frustrating for him to see the likes of Mr Willetts, 40 and from the 1992 intake, knocking on the Cabinet door as he languishes on the back benches.



Second minister implicated in inquiry 'cover-up'

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SECOND government minister was drawn last night into the controversy over allegations that the Tory leadership tried to suppress an investigation into the cash-for-questions affair.

During the second day of a hearing before the Privileges and Standards Committee, a Labour MP produced a leaked letter that he said proved that Andrew Mitchell, a former whip who is now a Social Security Minister, was implicated in the affair.

Dale Campbell-Savours said that the unsigned letter was from Mr Mitchell to the Tory Chief Whip and revealed a confidential conversation he had conducted with the clerk of the now defunct Members' Interests Committee, which was conducting the cash-for-questions inquiry at that time.

Mr Mitchell was in the highly unusual position of being a whip and a member of the committee, which was usually the exclusive domain of backbenchers.

Mr Campbell-Savours said that the letter, which revealed the clerk's thoughts on whether the former Trade Minister Neil Hamilton should have declared a free stay at the Ritz Hotel, Paris, should have been for committee members only and not the Tory Whips' Office. The letter ended with the words: "Not very helpful I am afraid." The existence of the letter was further proof of a Tory whips' conspiracy, to undermine a quasi-judicial inquiry which was supposed to be above party politics.

Mr Campbell-Savours, MP for Workington, who was cross-examining David Willetts, the Paymaster General, over allegations he had also tried to smother the inquiry when he was a junior whip, said: "I put it to you that there was a deliberate, very effective effort made by the Whips' Office — and you were in the Whips' Office and Andrew Mitchell was in the Whips' Office — to try to influence this inquiry and to use the relationship between a member of that committee who was a whip and a clerk of the House of Commons to feed information to the Chief Whip and ultimately the Prime Minister."

Mr Willetts refused to speculate on the document, which he had not seen. He repeated his claim that he had not sought to influence the Members' Interests Committee's investigation into the Hamilton case. He insisted that Mr Mitchell, as he understood it, had always distinguished between his role as a whip and his role as a member of the committee. He refused to be drawn on whether a whip should have been on the committee in the first place.

Mr Campbell-Savours said he thought Mr Willetts "may have been aware" of what was in the correspondence he had produced. In the letter, the committee clerk is reported as saying to Mr Mitchell in confidence that "in normal times" the committee would take a relaxed view of the Hamilton case.

Mr Campbell-Savours said to Mr Willetts: "You were in the Whips' Office — do you believe that that is the kind of letter that a whip should be sending to the Chief Whip when he is a member of that quasi-judicial committee?"

The allegations being examined by the Privileges and Standards Committee centre on a conversation that Mr Willetts had with Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, chairman of the original cash-for-questions inquiry in October 1994. Mr Willetts was accused on the first day by the Tory MP Quentin Davies of either falsifying and inventing his report of the conversation with Sir Geoffrey or his explanation of it in a memorandum to the committee. The Willetts note of the conversation set out two courses of action to the whips: put the Hamilton case on the back burner or carry it out rapidly by exploiting the Tory majority.

Tony Newton, the Leader of the House and committee chairman, ruled out further discussion of the Mitchell letter until it could be authenticated and the hearing ended after two hours. The committee will report its findings within a few weeks.

Tories set to lose Commons majority

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Government's majority in the Commons is almost certain to be wiped out one month from tomorrow.

Labour officials disclosed last night that the by-election in Barnsley East, one of the two vacant seats, will be held on December 12. The safe Labour seat became vacant after sitting MP Terry Patchett died of cancer last month. He had a 24,777 majority at the last general election.

Yesterday Labour's by-elections panel drew up a shortlist of possible candidates for the seat, including three Labour activists from Barnsley and one from London. They are Geoff Ennis, leader of Barnsley Borough Council; Hedley Salt, former leader of the council; Anne Scarrott, a local party activist; and Caroline Flint, a member of Chiswick Labour Party in London.

The panel also invited candidates for the other vacant seat, Wirral South. The party is looking for a new candidate after the resignation of Ian Wingfield over allegations of domestic violence from his former girlfriend, Carolyn Simpson. Dr Wingfield, 37, a councillor in Southwark, south London, has described the claims, which were reported in a national newspaper, as "untrue rumours".

The Wirral South seat became vacant after the death of the Tory MP Barry Porter, who had a majority of 8,183 at the last general election.

Redwood tells CBI of German conspiracy

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE former Cabinet minister John Redwood accused Germany yesterday of trying to force Britain into joining "a country called Europe".

Mr Redwood told the Confederation of British Industry conference at Harrogate that Chancellor Helmut Kohl's "true reason" for wanting monetary union was to ensure political control of member states from Brussels.

His remarks were rejected by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, who also addressed the CBI. He made clear that Britain backed most of Chancellor Kohl's long-term aims for Europe, which he said were honourable.

Mr Redwood said that Chancellor Kohl was pressing towards an eventual goal of political union, using a single currency as the first stage. "He wants to build a country called Europe, governed from a city called Brussels with its economy directed from a bank in Frankfurt."

In a debate dominated by pro-European businessmen, Mr Redwood said that for most businesses the single currency would be "all cost and no benefits".

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: from 9.30am, backbench debates; from 2.30pm, education and employment questions; Labour-initiated debate on the BSE crisis; backbench debate on land holding in Scotland. In the Lords: social security department campaigns against fraud; choice in education; Education (Special Educational Needs) Bill, second reading.

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Europe delighted to see Britain pulled into line

Flynn: he may introduce *other social legislation*

■ The European Commission believes John Major has little chance of reversing yesterday's ruling on the working-time directive, Charles Bremner writes

BRITAIN was accused yesterday of trying to hold new European Union treaty negotiations to ransom with its offensive against the 48-hour maximum working week. The European Commission said that John Major, who threatened to block further EU reforms if the ruling were not overturned, had little chance of reversing or winning exemption from the legislation.

Brussels officials and other member states were delighted by the European Court of Justice's decision to dismiss all of Britain's arguments in its appeal for the annulment of the 1993 working-time directive. As well as a maximum 48-hour week, it fixes a minimum of three weeks' paid holiday. "This is a good day for social Europe and a good day for those who believe that employees *should have the right to say no to* excessive working hours," Padraig Flynn, the Social Affairs Commissioner, said.

The court's only concession to Britain was to annul a provision, inserted at Germany's request, that had set Sunday as a rest day "in principle". The directive, passed by member states under single-market legislation that requires only majority approval, must be enacted as law by November 23.

The decision set the scene for a fresh battle at the inter-governmental conference (IGC), the current negotiations for a revised Maastricht treaty, at which Britain is already *resisting a drive by other* states to extend majority voting and deepen integration. Within hours of the court decision Sir Stephen Wall, Britain's Ambassador to the EU and chief negotiator, tabled proposals to the IGC to exempt Britain from the working-time directive and to make future health and safety legislation subject to unanimous voting among member states.

Mr Flynn welcomed the court's ruling that the EU was fully within its rights to legislate on working hours within a treaty article cover*ing health and safety. The Luxem*bourg judges endorsed the EU argument that health and safety should be given a broad interpretation, covering the general well-being of workers. It rejected Britain's other main claim that the EU had *misused its powers and* ordered Britain to pay costs.

The verdict has strengthened Mr Flynn's plans for new measures to end existing exemptions from the directive for wide categories, including transport workers and hospital staff. He declined to rule out the possibility that he would *use the health article to introduce* other types of social legislation, but insisted that he had "no hidden agenda".

Echoing a view voiced across the Continent, Mr Flynn deplored Mr *Major's intention to fight for an* exemption from the directive and a treaty change on workplace laws as a condition for British assent to a new EU treaty at the IGC. "Now they are threatening to hold the IGC to ransom," he said. He ridiculed the Government's argument that the EU had enacted *social legislation "through* the back door" rather than including it in the social chapter, from which Britain has an opt-out. "The UK failed to obtain what it wanted through the front door and then failed by the back door insofar as the court action is concerned, and now they are attempting to break in *through the IGC," he said.*

Sir Leon Brittan, the Commission Vice-President, and other officials said it was conceivable that Britain could win a special exemption in the horse-trading of the final *stages of the IGC next spring,* but this could only come at the price of a British concession in some other field. "Until we can see the extent to which Britain is prepared to accommodate other people's interests, it's impossible to judge the success of Britain's own proposals on this issue or anything else," Sir *Leon said.*

There was palpable satisfaction around Europe that London had been hauled into line with its partners in a way that would rob it of some of the competitive edge enjoyed by British industry. Britain's relatively unregulated labour market is a source of widespread *resentment and is often deemed to* amount to what is known on the Continent as "social dumping".

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Who will benefit and who won't: what the ruling says on hours, breaks, holidays and exemptions

Private firms must wait for ministers to pass new law

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

SIX million public sector workers will be the first to benefit from the 48-hour week. European directives apply instantly to state employees. Britain's 15 million workers in the private sector will have to *wait several months until the* Government incorporates the working-time directive into British law — if indeed it does so.

From November 23, public workers and probably those working in newly privatised industries will have the right not to work for more than an average of 48 hours a week and will gain other rights. When the directive reaches the *private sector it is likely to* have greatest effect on small businesses employing a few staff working long hours.

Millions of workers are automatically exempt and the rest are free to work for more than 48 hours if they wish. Those who refuse an employer's request to do so must not be "subjected to any detriment".

The six main provisions are:

☐ Maximum average of 48 hours a week, including overtime, over an initial four *months that could be extended* to six or 12 months if the Government, employers and unions agree. This flexibility would, for example, allow waiters to work longer hours through the summer. Four million people work more than 48 hours a week. The average working week is 43.7 hours.

☐ Minimum rest period of 11 consecutive hours in 24.

☐ *Short break if working day* is longer than six hours, length agreed between unions and employers or by law.

☐ Minimum of one rest day a week, not necessarily Sunday.

☐ Three weeks' annual paid leave, rising to four by 1999. Some 2.5 million people have *no paid leave and six million* have fewer than four weeks.

☐ Night workers must not work more than an average eight hours in 24.

Exclusions apply automatically to people working in air, rail, road, sea, inland waterway and lake transport; *sea fishing and other* work at sea; and doctors in training. A second group of workers is restricted to the right of paid annual leave: managing executives or others with autonomous decision-making powers; family workers; and people officiating at ceremo*nies in churches and religious* communities.

A third group receive two rights: the 48-hour week and paid annual leave. They include people whose homes are "distant" from their work and others whose jobs involve "continuity of service": sec*urity guards, caretakers, pris*on workers, hospital nurses and doctors and others who work in similar residential institutions; dock and airport workers; press, radio, television, cinematographic production, postal and telecommunication workers, ambu*lance, fire and civil protection* services; gas, water and electricity workers, refuse collectors and incineration workers; industries which cannot be interrupted on technical grounds; research and development; agriculture, tourism, postal services and other *jobs with seasonal surges.* The freedom to work more than 48 hours if agreed with employers could be overturned in seven years. The Council of Ministers will re-examine the exemption and could ban anyone working more than 48 hours.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Anna Hawkins, 42, manages Safelight Multimedia Business Presentations, which employs 12 people and organises conference staging and audio-visuals. She is furious about the EU ruling and feels the business, owned by her brother, will be radically affected.

"When we organise a big conference our chaps can do 48 hours in three days, working right through the night. With these new rules they will be able to refuse, so either we will *have to pay them hefty overtime, which we can't afford, or we* will take to employing freelances who will quote a set rate for getting the job done. The bottom line is that we cannot impose more charges on our clients and we will look for the cheapest option.

"It's crazy for the EU to dictate to us in this way, and I am urging John Major to revolt. Our business has to work in this erratic way. I frequently work from 9am to 9pm and I could tell my brother to stick it, but we all want to get the job done. This news isn't healthy for us or for British industry. There will be a lot of businesses shaking their heads today."

RESTAURANT MANAGER

William Redwood manages a restaurant in southwest London. On average, he works a 60-hour week, which can increase when it is especially hectic, and earns £22,000 a year. *He is exempt* from the EU directives, but wishes he wasn't.

"In common with manag*ers in most industries,* I always work more than 48 hours in a week. Most of that is voluntary, on the basis that the job needs doing and won't go away if I don't deal with it. I don't have any choice, and I don't get paid overtime.

"It eats into your life, and it's got worse over the past few years, because there's a feeling that, if you won't do *it, then plenty of others will* step into your shoes. I am paid a salary, so working fewer hours wouldn't affect me financially, but it would improve my quality of life, which is more important. My salary isn't bad on paper, but when you break it down with the hours, it's not that great."

SECURITY GUARD

After 15 years of 100-hour weeks, Richie Owen decided enough was enough and left his job as a security guard in Newcastle upon Tyne, although only after his marriage and health had failed under the pressure. Mr Owen, 38, decided to quit when he clocked off at the end of one week and saw that he had been going for 101 hours and 45 minutes.

"I was working days and nights and my sleeping patterns were destroyed," he said. "I had one day off a week and then *I had to catch up on sleep and I was too tired to take my* children out. My ex-wife had to look after the kids seven days a week and my marriage collapsed. I was too tired to even argue. I will probably be on medication for the rest of my life because of a stomach complaint I got from my eating habits."

Despite many promotions, he was earning £3.79 an hour when he left. He is now working for another security firm which pays enough for him to work a 40-hour week. He fears that the directive is not in itself a solution. "You would need a minimum wage, because the £1.70-an-hour person needs to do 100 hours to earn a half-decent wage."

POLICE CIVILIAN

Carol Lyle is a communications officer for Greater Manchester Police, working in weekly shift patterns on the emergency switchboard. "We are trying to work out if the rulings include us, or if we are exempt because we work for the emergency services. I hope to God the rules *do apply, because shiftwork* like ours is a nightmare.

"We have a really ridiculous shift pattern called the Ottawa system, so-called because it originated in Canada. It effectively means 10-hour shift patterns which average out to 37¼ hours per week over a month, but in practice you can do 70 hours one week and 20 hours the next. It's ridiculous, particu*larly when you are doing* nights, as it exhausts you and messes up your system. Effectively it ends up truncating your working life.

"I am salaried so it would be my quality of life that improved with restrictions on weekly working, but what price that? The guaranteed breaks are also welcome."

Why long days are not always stressful for British workers

THE WORN faces of City *workers who return home* after a 12-hour day, or longer, have tugged at the heart-strings of our legislators in Brussels. The European Union, with our health in mind, has resorted to health and safety regulations to persuade employers that their employees will suffer if Britain continues to work such long hours.

Those who talk about the stress of long working hours are very often confusing two similar concepts, stress and anxiety. There is a difference. Anxiety is one of the causes of stress, and an overlong working day is one of the factors which can precipitate anxiety. It is not work which is necessarily stressful, but the worker's reaction to it. Someone who really loves their job would not find working long hours taxing, as long as it did not cause domestic strife. Anything which causes anxiety is damaging to the health, and anxiety at work from whatever cause leads to stress. The pity is that modern firms sometimes deliberately engender anxiety. Producing some uncertainty at work may improve performance in the short term, but in the long term the anxiety it causes will precipitate stress, damaging health, reducing efficiency and taking away any pleasure in the job which would have made the long hours bearable. Stress induced by the anxiety and unpredictability of life in modern industry has a bad effect on the cardiovascular system in general, and on blood pressure in particular. It ruins the digestion, causes impotence, frigidity, and headaches. The long-term effect of these reactions to stress is to render the employee liable to heart attacks and strokes. It will also affect the immune system, and in consequence will increase the likelihood of malignancies and infections.

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Hours cut seen as recipe to boost profits in Germany

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT K. a 66-year-old Rhinelander who refuses to claim a pension, started work at 7am yesterday and, fuelled by numerous lunch breaks and a seven-minute telephone call to Boris Yeltsin, was busy deep into the evening.

A typical day for Chancellor Kohl but not for German workers, who showed themselves bemused at British resistance to the European work-time directive.

"The British Government wants to fight for the right of bosses to order people to work for 48 hours?" asked a dazed official of the metalworkers' union, Herr Reinhold Peiler. "I thought the Conservatives were trying to stay in power."

The upholding by the European Court of Justice of the European Union directive, which Britain had argued did not apply to it under its negotiated opt-out, "strengthens the rights of British workers and stops countries from undercutting others with looser labour regulation," said Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, a Social Democrat European expert.

"Once it wins the next election, the Labour Party will apply the Social Charter and assure more social security for British workers."

The main point of the European Court of Justice decision, she said, was that "it makes clear that Britain cannot play a special role in this question".

Employers and unionists yesterday agreed the issue of working hours was a strange battlefield for the British Government. Even hotel-owners — who may put receptionists on an early shift after they have worked at night — did not feel upset by the directive; those concerned get compensating time off and often prefer back-to-back shifts.

The focus of discussions about making Germany more competitive is on shortening, rather than extending, working hours. Volkswagen workers agreed to a four-day, 29-hour week and smaller wages rather than accept 30,000 redundancies. Working time has to be apportioned more flexibly — including some weekends or late evenings — but the car workers seem willing to put up with that.

The modernisation and rejuvenation of the German steel industry hinges on a scheme that allows workers aged 54 or over to put in shorter weeks, their wage shortfall being made up by both Government and the employers until they retire at 65. That is cheaper than making them redundant and allows companies to hire younger workers.

New shopping hours, introduced on November 1, allow shops to open until 8pm on weekdays, and on Saturday afternoons. Greeted with initial suspicion, it is slowly being accepted as a job-stimulating measure — part-time workers are being hired — and as a source of overtime as well as a way of increasing consumer spending.

The unions have been aiming for years for a 35-hour average week and in the engineering and electronic industries this is a reality, though workers have had to agree to inconvenient shifts. Overtime remains unpopular, the average for manufacturing industry being 2.1 hours a week.

The bargaining power of German trade unions goes some way towards explaining how the goal of a shorter working week has been maintained over three decades. Originally, the unions saw it as a natural progression towards a "leisure society".

Now it is viewed as a way of saving jobs. The Government is not sure, divided between those wanting more deregulation to compete more effectively with Asian manufacturers, and those who believe a shorter week can increase flexibility and productivity.

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PETER MÜLLER/REUTER

Volkswagen workers, seen here at the main Wolfsburg plant, agreed to a shorter working week and cut in wages rather than accept 30,000 redundancies

Unofficial fiestas shrink Spain's week

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

UNDER Spanish labour laws, employees work a maximum of 40 hours a week. Additionally, the law insists that there should be a minimum 12-hour gap between the end of one working day and the start of the next.

Spain's workers enjoy 30 days of paid vacations and 14 additional fully-paid days off for public holidays or fiestas. Then there are the "days off" taken between or around important public holidays, which are called, colloquially, *superpuentes*, or super-bridges. According to the authoritative *1996 Central Hispano Handbook*, these days off cost employers about £920 million a year.

In spite of this, Spain remains relatively competitive because of its low wages and weak currency. It also has the worst record of compliance with EU regulations, applying fewer than half of the compulsory EU health and safety rules.

Labour laws in neighbouring Portugal are more rigorous. The Portuguese work a maximum of 48 hours a week. Figures published recently by the Union Bank of Switzerland reveal that employees in the city of Lisbon work more hours a year than those of any other EU capital, including London.

The Portuguese are entitled to 22 days of paid leave a year, although fiestas tend to bump the total up to about 30.

WORKING HOURS

Average weekly hours:

UK	43.9
Portugal	41.2
Spain	40.7
Greece	40.3
Ireland	40.2
Sweden	40
France	39.9
Germany	39.7
Austria	39.6
Luxembourg	39.5
Netherlands	39.5
Denmark	38.9
Finland	38.6
Italy	38.4
Belgium	38.4

*Source.
European Commission*

EUROPE'S HOLIDAYS

Legal days a year paid holiday

France	30
Spain	30
Denmark	30
Sweden	27
Austria	25
Luxembourg	25
Finland	24
Germany	24
Greece	24
Portugal	22
Belgium	20
Netherlands	20
Ireland	15
Italy	0*
UK	0*

* Italy has a legal right to holiday, but number of days is left to collective agreements. UK has no previous legal holiday entitlement.

*Source.
European Commission*

France imposes limits

Paris: In France the average working week is 39 hours (Susan Bell writes). In line with other European countries French employees are not allowed to work more than 48 hours a week. The maximum length of the working day is ten hours, and a 24-hour rest period is compulsory during each working week.

Employees are entitled to five weeks' annual paid holiday. In addition employees benefit from 11 public holidays a year. Employers may also give their staff up to six extra days off a year.

As part of an initiative to cut unemployment, the Government introduced a law in June designed to reduce the working week. Under this law employers can, with union agreement, decrease the hours worked by employees by a minimum of 10 per cent, thereby benefiting from a 40 per cent reduction in social charges. The measure is designed to avoid lay-offs and boost staffing levels.

EU states attacked for misusing £3bn of taxpayers' cash

FROM LEYLA LINTON IN STRASBOURG

THE European Union's financial watchdog yesterday attacked European Governments for mishandling at least £3 billion of taxpayer's money.

Almost 6 per cent of all payments from the 1995 EU budget was subject to "substantial material errors", Bernhard Friedmann, the president of the Court of Auditors, announced in a presentation of his annual report to the European Parliament.

"The present system for implementing the budget of the European Social Fund (ESF), requires fundamental revision and the fact that the Commission is failing to take clear steps in this direction is no longer acceptable," Professor Friedmann said.

Much of the £22 billion spent between 1990 and 1995 to tackle unemployment had had little success. "The Commission must, at all costs, continue to improve assessment. In particular structural aid should be used more for the creation of jobs," the report said.

Several agencies responsible for controlling the ESF did not keep complete accounts, the report said. "This was found to be the case in audits in Greece, Spain, Italy, France, Portugal and the United Kingdom," it said.

Professor Friedmann also criticised the way in which social aid was spread too thinly with development criteria affecting about half the population of EU countries.

The auditors also found that while payment appropriations amounted to almost 24 billion ecu (£18.7 billion), actual payment only came to 19.5 billion ecu. Ironically, about 10 per cent of the 16.5 million ecu given to member states in 1994 and 1995 for detecting fraud was not adequately accounted for, according to the report.

Professor Friedmann said that fraud was not always behind the anomalies and only accounted for about 1.2 per cent of the EU budget.

Ekki Liikanen, the Budget Commissioner, said the Commission accepted that errors in payment were too high and proposed to introduce clear rules on eligibility for funds.

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BA crew relives terror of bus attack by Lusaka rioters

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

BRITISH Airways crew members, flown to Johannesburg for medical treatment, have told in terrifying detail how they were injured when attacked by rioting students throwing bricks and stones in the Zambian capital, Lusaka.

Heather Spencer, 34, a stewardess, was among 17 crew members injured in the attack outside the University of Zambia. She suffered a double fracture of the skull after being struck on the forehead by a flying brick and also had to have glass fragments removed from her eyes.

"We were travelling on a bus to our hotel when, without warning, a brick came crashing through the window and hit me," she said pointing to a livid gash and two swollen black eyes. "I was concussed and in shock and put my head down to avoid getting hit again.

"The pain was excruciating and all I remember was the captain screaming at the bus driver 'Keep driving, keep driving'," she added. "From what I remember when we got to the hotel a doctor arrived to treat us. Later they decided to send us to Johannesburg."

Sitting on a bed next to her, Mike Nunn, 33, looking pale and drawn, was nursing a bandaged gash in his throat caused by flying glass and a small circular wound where he, too, had been hit in the forehead.

"It was frightening," he said. "As the windows smashed around us it sounded like machinegun fire. There were people lined up all along the road throwing things and we did not know what was happening.

"The captain thought I might have been shot in the head because of the shape of my wound, but I was later told it was caused by a corner of a brick," he added. "It all happened so quickly. At the hotel I remember someone shouting there was blood gushing from my throat but it is all a bit sketchy."

> ❛A brick came crashing through the window of the bus and hit me. The pain was excruciating❜

The BA crew, making an overnight stop, were caught up in clashes between students and police as they travelled to the Intercontinental Hotel. They were treated for facial cuts and bruises by a BA doctor before being flown to Johannesburg because local hospitals lacked special medical facilities. The crew are due to be allowed out of hospital tomorrow when they will return to Britain to convalesce. Maggie Bergasse, 28, another stewardess, who was bruised on the chin by a brick, said that she had spoken to her family by telephone. She praised BA for the way it had handled the situation.

She also mentioned how several Zambians had been sympathetic. "One man was very embarrassed by what had happened," she said. "He was distressed and kept apologising."

Zambia is tense in the run-up to disputed presidential elections on Monday. The university has been closed indefinitely after police used tear gas and batons to disperse hundreds of rioting students. Student leaders have rejected claims that the violence was politically linked, saying it was sparked by a hit-and-run road accident in which a student suffered a broken leg.

Crew staff were told yesterday morning to expect a visit from Dr Kenneth Kaunda, the former Zambian President controversially barred from participating in the elections, but hospital staff later said it had been cancelled.

Miss Spencer, a BA employee for nearly ten years, will have another scan before doctors decide if she is fit to travel. The incident will not deter her from returning to Zambia. "We were just in the wrong place at the wrong time," she said. "Riots happen all over the world."

MICHEL EULER/AP

Pascale Roze, a first-time novelist, is jubilant after being awarded the Prix Goncourt, France's most coveted book prize which brings with it a cash award of just 50 francs (about £6) but carries enormous literary weight and the promise of huge sales (Ben Macintyre writes). Her novel *Le Chasseur Zéro* (Hunter Zero) is the story of a woman who investigates her father's death from an attack by a Japanese kamikaze pilot. Mme Roze, only the fourth debut novelist to win the award, said she would not suffer from the legendary writer's block that afflicts winners: "I've started another book already."

First novel wins Goncourt prize

Guerrillas agree to pact ending 42-year civil war

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THE Guatemalan Government and left-wing rebels have announced that they will sign a peace treaty next month to end Latin America's longest and most deadly civil war.

The agreement, which was brokered by the United Nations, will be signed in Guatemala on December 29, after the signing of a bilateral ceasefire in Oslo early next month. The ceasefire is one of 11 accords comprising the final peace treaty, including constitutional and electoral reforms.

The Guatemalan conflict can be traced back to the height of the Cold War when, in 1954, the CIA sponsored a military coup that overthrew Jacobo Arbenz, the country's popularly elected President.

He had been chosen on a platform of social reform but was ousted after trying to carry out a land redistribution programme that alarmed the powerful multinational American business interests in the country, led by the United Fruit Company.

A series of corrupt right-wing military governments followed, until a group of military officers rebelled against their commanders in November 1961, and went to form the nucleus of a left-wing guerrilla movement.

The war pitched guerrillas of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Union (URNG), who claimed to speak for an impoverished indigenous Indian peasantry, against the country's small, wealthy establishment of largely European descent.

The fighting reached its most brutal phase in the early 1980s, when the Guatemalan Army began what human rights activists have described as a virtual campaign of genocide against Indian villages in the countryside.

Meanwhile, in the capital, thousands of labour leaders, students and intellectuals were murdered or "disappeared" after being abducted by military and civilian-allied death squads.

Many who fled the country began to return after civilian rule was restored in 1986. But the war, and the abuses, continued with lesser intensity, and the military still wielded enormous political power.

Four presidents have since struggled to curb the power of the military, but with only limited success. Peace talks began under UN auspices in 1991, but made only slow progress. President Arzu was elected in January this year, and quickly accelerated the pace of the peace talks.

Observers are confident that the agreement will mark the end of hostilities, but a threat may come from renegade elements of the military and guerrillas. Some officers within the military, with extreme right-wing civilian allies, are known to resent the handling of the peace negotiations.

In a manifesto last month, a clandestine group of military dissidents threatened to kill 19 civilian leaders, including President Arzu, as well as 57 army officers they accused of betraying the country.

A guerrilla faction was also caught last month trying to kidnap for ransom the wife of a Guatemalan businessman.

Airline must pay £3m to 'human shields'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

THE French appeal court yesterday upheld a ruling ordering British Airways to pay more than £3 million in compensation to passengers taken hostage when their aircraft landed in Kuwait hours after the Iraqi invasion in 1990.

Sixty-one French passengers and residents of France claimed that BA had committed a "severe error" and exposed them to danger by allowing their Boeing 747 to land in Kuwait on August 2, four hours after Iraqi troops had invaded.

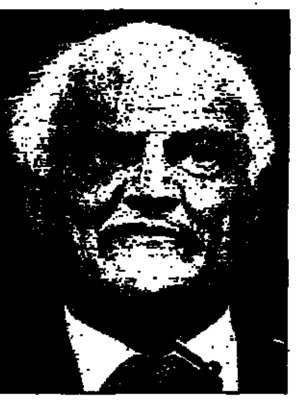
The 364 people aboard the flight from London were held hostage for up to three months. Many were used by President Saddam Hussein as "human shields" for potential allied bombing targets. The plaintiffs claimed that the flight landed in Kuwait to drop off 15 undercover SAS soldiers who had boarded at the last moment. BA has denied the allegation.

Last November a lower Paris court ordered BA to pay Fr400,000 (£50,000) to passengers held hostage for one month, Fr600,000 (£75,000) to those held hostage for three months and Fr60,000 (£7,500) to each member of their families.

BA appealed, claiming claiming it did not know the invasion was underway when the aircraft landed. It pointed out that the passengers had already received £4,000 compensation from a French state fund for victims of terrorism.

In its ruling yesterday the appeal court upheld the earlier verdict declaring BA "wholly responsible" for the mental suffering of the hostages, and ordered the company to pay compensation totalling Fr26 million (£3.25 million).

Lawyers for the airline said that they would make a new appeal, this time to the Supreme Court.



Goldsmith: defection blow to European group

Goldsmith faces challenge

FROM LEYLA LINTON
IN STRASBOURG

A CONSERVATIVE MEP yesterday called on Sir James Goldsmith, the millionaire and French MEP, to define his nationality.

Sir James has been deprived of his political platform in the European Parliament after his grouping, Europe des Nations, lost a member and had to dissolve. Anne-Christine Poisson defected from the grouping after it was linked with far Right MEPs. Her departure meant that with only 17 members from three countries (France, Denmark and The Netherlands) the grouping had to disband according to European Parliament rules.

Edward McMillan-Scott, MEP for North Yorkshire, said: "As Sir James Goldsmith is standing for his other party [the Referendum Party], in the UK election he will be using his dual Franco-British nationality to stand as a Briton. We need to be sure that he cannot use his British nationality to reconstitute Europe des Nations."

Mr McMillan-Scott raised a verbal point of order and has written to Klaus Hänsch, president of the European Parliament, asking for an assurance that the nationality of members of political groupings is defined as the country that elected them as MEP.

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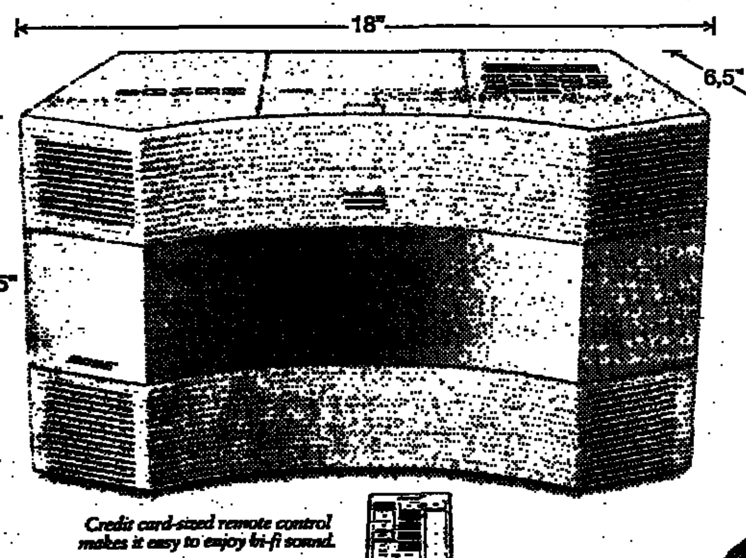

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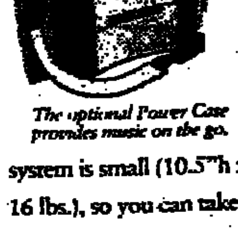

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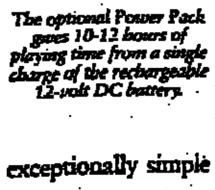

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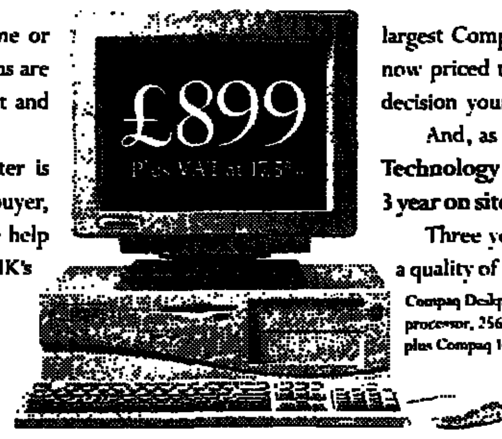

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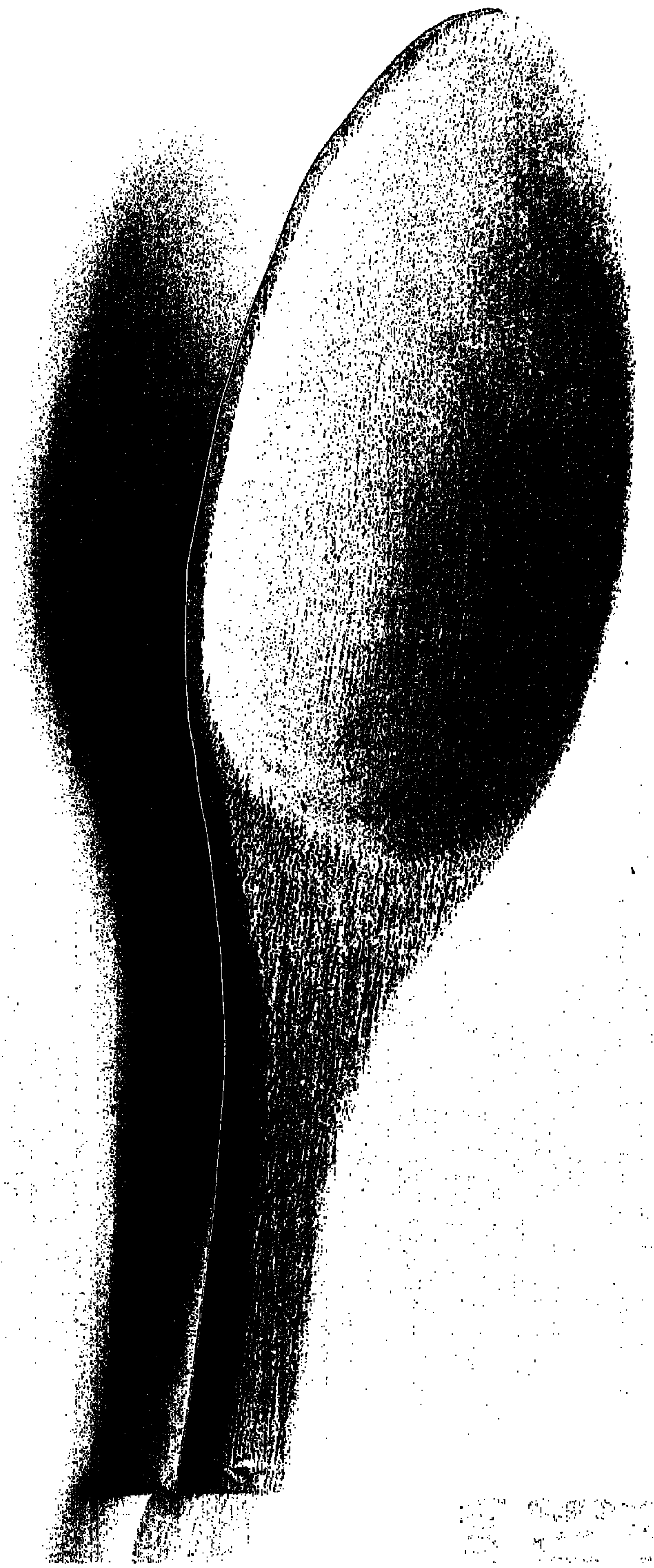

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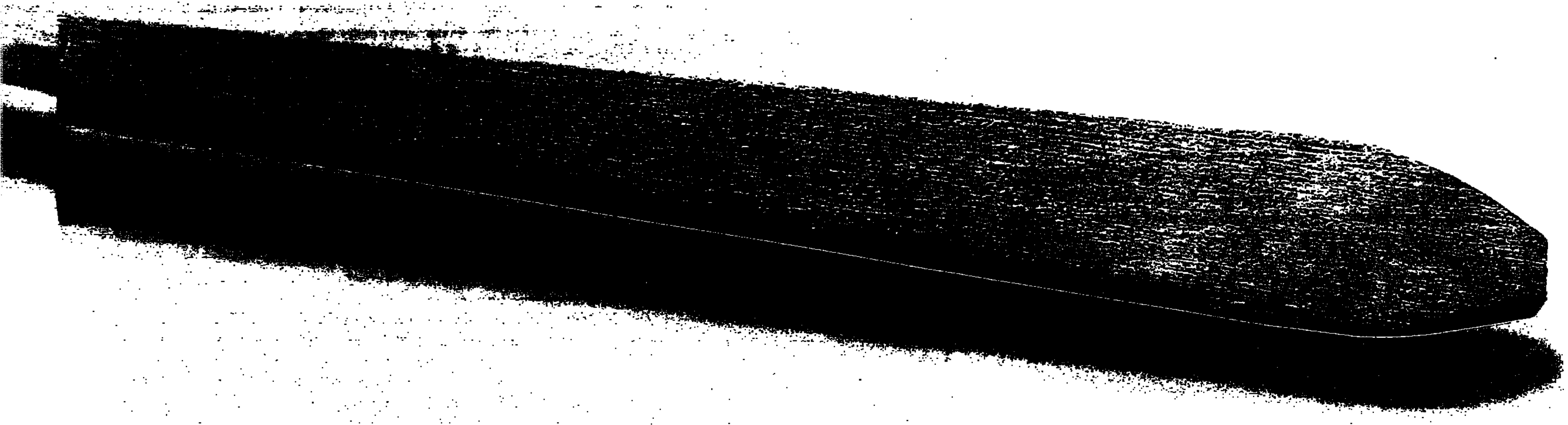

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Taleban's rough justice wins approval from crime-plagued Kabul citizens

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN KABUL

TIED to a lamppost with wire and rags, whipped, bloody and beaten, the Kabul thief has only a short time before his right hand is severed.

His face is covered in black oil and blood and, to add to his humiliation, his Taleban captors have strung a pair of boots and a watering can around his neck. Near valueless Afghan rupees have been stuffed into his shirt collar where they emerge from the fallen locks of his badly shorn hair like obscene petals. A small knife, which he apparently used to pick a doorlock, hangs among the medley of items.

Turbanned figures swirl around him whipping him with riding crops and cable flex as a jeering crowd of about a hundred people presses around him in a semicircle. "I am a thief," the Taleban make him call out pathetically to the onlookers between thrashings. "Do not steal like me or your punishment will be even worse."

The Taleban are getting tough on crime in the Afghan capital and their radical interpretation of *Sharia* (Islamic law) is one of seemingly rough and ready justice. However, the citizens of the city, used to years of lawlessness and criminal abuse, appear to have welcomed the Taleban's stand on law and the new security it offers for their lives.

"It is a good thing they do to this man," said a young student in the crowd. "We are sick of thieving and robbery here. Public spectacles like this mean we can rest at night and know we are safe."

While the Taleban fighters suddenly turn to beat back the pressing mass of people with rifle butts, a dwarf, withered with age, is allowed to step forward and abuse the thief. Yet the hapless crook, Kadam Ali, is aware his ordeal has only just begun. "I am guilty," he whispers to me. "I have stolen 950,000 rupees and more, and I have confessed."

Among the first of the city's thieves to be dealt with in this way by the new occupiers of Kabul, his public beating is only a preliminary to his punishment. Caught a few days ago with a haul of copper pots and pans, an axe, cooking oil, rice, money, Persian plates and quilts during his third trip to raid a merchant's empty house, Kadam was detained and questioned. He now faces three court appearances before Taleban holymen punish him with the amputation of his right hand.

"Each court is presided over by three mullahs who are judges," explained Maulawi Ghallam Hassan, a senior Taleban figure from the Justice Department. "The first court decision is to comment on the case and sentence. The mullahs must be in agreement. Under *Sharia* it is written that if the thief has stolen goods beyond a certain value, he shall have his hand amputated after a third court session which issues and confirms the verdict. Here the thief has confessed so it is a simple matter."

After the verdict the Taleban advertise the coming punishment on the radio, and the thief is taken to a public place. A doctor gives him a local anaesthetic, cuts off his hand, bandages the stump, and lets him go. Under the most simplistic interpretation of the *Sharia* there are four possible punishments: the amputation of limbs for theft, beating by whips or imprisonment for minor offences, and execution for murder.

☐ **Sabotage claim:** An armoured vehicle blew up outside the house of Mullah Muhammad Hassan, deputy leader of the ruling Taleban council in Kabul early yesterday. People working in the area claimed a limpet mine caused the explosion. Sabotage was a popular weapon of the Afghan Mujahidin. *(Reuter)*

Canada offers to lead humanitarian force for Zaire

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME AND JAMES BONE NEW YORK

CANADA has volunteered to lead a multinational force to help to save hundreds of thousands of refugees uprooted by fighting in eastern Zaire.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, said yesterday at the World Food Summit in Rome that he had spoken to Jean Chrétien, Canada's Prime Minister, on Monday.

Dr Boutros Ghali said Canada, which he described as a "very neutral" country "has accepted to command these multinational forces".

The UN Secretary-General said the size of the force had yet to be decided but that it was likely to involve 10,000-12,000 troops. France, Spain, Italy and South Africa have offered to provide troops and America is considering providing logistical support. Diplomats said this would include transport aircraft and satellite intelligence. The cost of the operation would be borne by the participating countries.

Dr Boutros Ghali had also spoken to President Mandela about South African participation, and would have further talks with Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, who is attending the Rome summit. "I hope that in the next few days we will be able to have these multinational forces, and a mandate for them from the Security Council," the Secretary-General said.

Canada's offer should enable the international community to field a neutral force, not dependent on France, which is viewed with suspicion by the Rwandan Government. France once supported the Hutu-led Government which conducted the 1994 genocide of the Tutsi minority in Rwanda and then fled across the border to Zaire with more than a million refugees.

Canada's offer to lead a multinational force reflects its desire to restore its credibility in Africa after white supremacists in an elite military unit, which had been sent on a peacekeeping mission to Somalia, beat a local man to death for stealing a pair of sunglasses.

Raymond Chrétien, Canada's Ambassador in Washington and the nephew of the Prime Minister, was recently appointed special UN envoy to solve the refugee crisis in Zaire and is currently touring the region.

Diplomats at UN headquarters said discussions were continuing about the precise role of an intervention force. Still undecided is whether the force will facilitate the delivery of aid to refugees by setting up secure "humanitarian corridors" into eastern Zaire from the Rwandan border or whether it will simply escort individual aid convoys. Debate is also continuing about the extent to which the multinational force will try to repatriate the refugees to Rwanda and Burundi.

The multinational force is likely to be replaced in several months' time by a smaller UN unit in charge of supervising the return of the refugees to their homes. The United States has backed the principle of multinational military intervention, but was still discussing the form it should take. An American official said an announcement was expected today. Canadian officials have told other Governments that Washington is "content" for Canada to lead the multinational effort.

☐ **Kinshasa:** Faustin Birindwa, Zaire's former Prime Minister, has arrived in Kinshasa, the capital, after fleeing into the bush when rebels seized his eastern hometown of Bukavu two weeks ago. Mr Birindwa walked more than 60 miles over rugged mountain terrain to reach a village from where he left on a small aircraft flown by his son. *(Reuter)*

Fourth refugee helper is killed

Madrid: A fourth Spanish missionary has been presumed murdered in the Bukavu area of Zaire where he was helping refugees, the Foreign Ministry said here. It urged 39 Spanish missionaries still working in the area to return to Spain. *(AP)*

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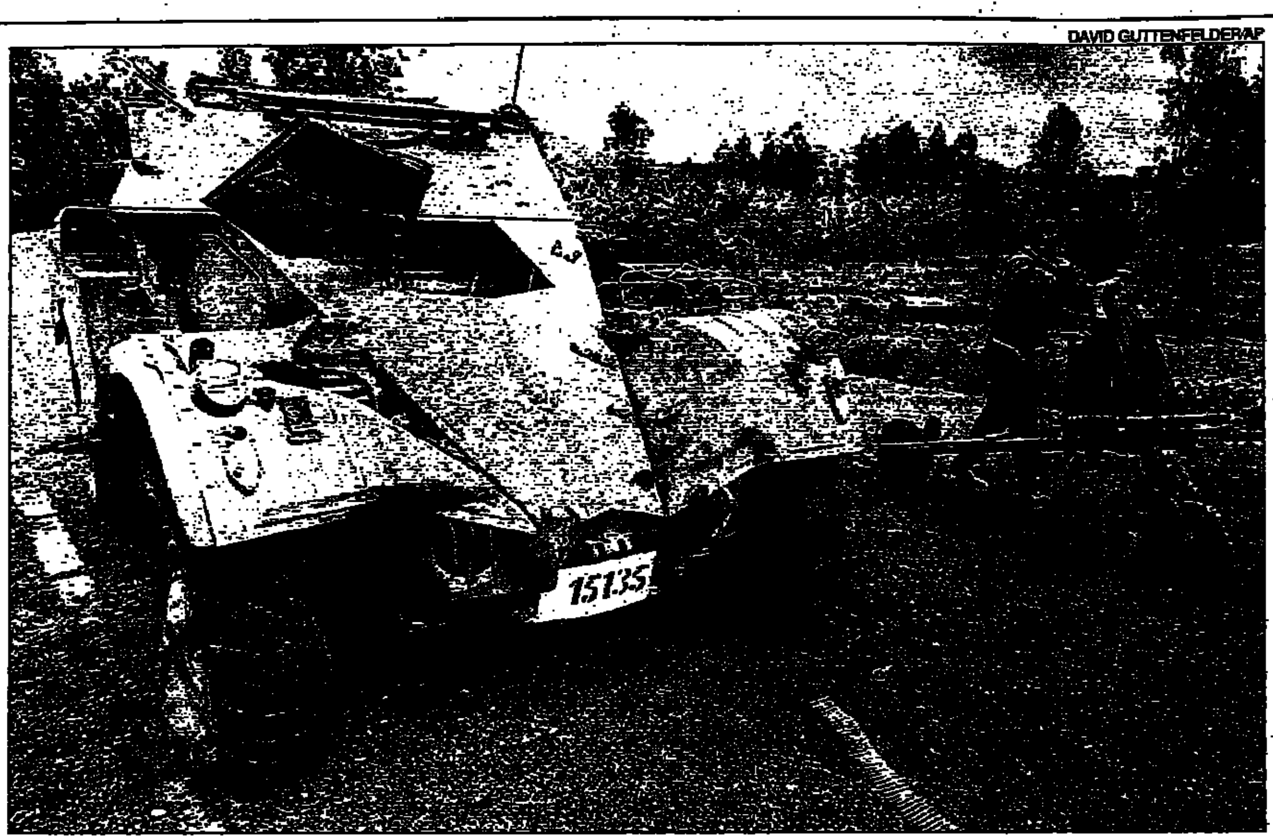


A rider of a wooden bicycle passes the wreckage of a Zairean armoured personnel carrier in Goma yesterday

Voodoo terror haunts fleeing Tutsis

FROM SAM KILEY IN GOMA

CLINGING to a pair of banana poles, Cironi Munyangabe paddled for his life across Lake Kivu. A Tutsi farmer, he did not flee Hutu militiamen, nor east Zaire's rebel advance, but the Mai Mai, naked voodoo warriors who have emerged as a frightening new ingredient for chaos in the Great Lakes cauldron.

Weak with hunger from hiding in banana plantations while the Mai Mai slaughtered Tutsis in his village, including his uncle, Mr Cironi, 45, swam 15 miles across the lake to safety in the rebel-held port of Goma.

"I didn't know much about the Mai Mai. They just came out of the forest, naked, and started shooting. They said they were going to hunt down all the Tutsis," he said, pointing at the bamboo stalks that had saved his life on his marathon swim. Little is known about the Mai Mai, other than rumours that they practise cannibalism and believe that their magic is so strong that bullets turn to water when they hit their skin. "I didn't see them eat anyone. But I heard that they did," Mr Cironi said.

Mainly members of the Hunde tribe, they have fought for and against almost every other group: they have taken on Tutsi rebels, Rwandan Hutu extremist militia and the Zairean Army, apparently driven by little else but blood-lust.

The ordeal in the Great Lakes widened as it emerged that cholera had struck a Rwandan Hutu refugee camp in South Kivu, putting the lives of the 250,000 people in Mwenga, 120 miles west of Bukavu, the regional capital, at risk. Another 500,000 Hutu refugees, trapped by their own leaders in Mugunga camp ten miles west of Goma, are also threatened with starvation and disease as their clean water supplies have broken down and rebels have surrounded the camp.

Last night the UN High Commissioner for Refugees announced that it was ready to start an airlift of aid to Rwanda's Hutu refugees who have scattered around eastern Zaire. Ruth Marshall, for the agency, said it would soon try to fly supplies from Zaire's capital, Kinshasa, to Kisangani, 350 miles west of Goma.

The move comes after Kinshasa's insistence that aid should only be chanelled through areas under its control. Kisangani is a nightmare for logistics planners. It is at [illegible] drive over appalling roads to Mugunga camp, a 20-minute drive down Tarmac through the rebel area to the border with Rwanda, and an hour to Uganda.

Vanuatu soldiers arrested in raid after revolt over pay

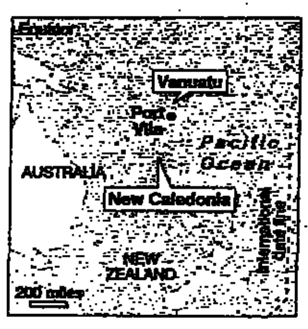
FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

NEARLY half of Vanuatu's fractious paramilitary defence force was arrested yesterday in a pre-dawn operation ordered by the new leaders of the Pacific island chain.

The arrest of 138 officers and men out of a complement of 300 followed rising tension over the state's failure to pay its soldiers more than $1 million (£600,000) in allowances. Last month the Vanuatu Mobile Force became so incensed over the matter that soldiers kidnapped President Jean Marie Leye and took him to an outer island to put their case to Barak Sope, the acting Prime Minister. After an emergency Cabinet meeting lasting several hours, the Government agreed to pay up and the President was allowed to go home. Although the mutinous forces were granted an amnesty, the Government, headed by the recently-elected Serge Vohor as Prime Minister, was clearly disturbed by their action. Yesterday Mr Vohor decided to strike back, handing law and order to the police and devising a plan to call on foreign forces to keep the peace if necessary.

Broadcasting live to Vanuatu from Australia, where he had stopped on his way to Rome, Mr Vohor said: "Law and order are now in the hands of the police."

Speaking from Vanuatu's capital, Port-Vila, Walter Lini, the Justice Minister, said the men, who had offered no resistance, would face court action.



WORLD SUMMARY

Bonn delays decision on Eurofighter

Bonn: Germany will postpone until early next year a final decision on production of the controversial Eurofighter, a move that is sure to irritate Bonn's partners in Britain, Italy and Spain (Roger Boyes writes).

The delay became apparent during a coalition meeting yesterday on Germany's future defence needs after fierce, across-the-board spending cuts. Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, is clearly hoping that further delay will force the German aerospace industry to cut its estimates.

Egypt charges 'Mossad spies'

Cairo: Egypt has charged an Israeli technician and an Egyptian with spying for Mossad, the Israeli secret service (Christopher Walker writes). Israeli officials are convinced, however, that the timing of the scandal is a ploy by Egyptian hardliners, angered over West Bank violence, to derail an Arab-Israeli economic conference in Cairo.

British force may stay in Bosnia

London: Britain is ready to contribute troops to an international force in Bosnia-Herzegovina after the mandate for the Nato peacekeeping force expires next month (Michael Binyon writes). But Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said any new force must be smaller and have a clear timetable for withdrawal.

India fishermen survive cyclone

Hyderabad: About 315 fishermen, who had been feared dead after a cyclone devastated the southeast Indian coast last week, safely reached the shore yesterday, a relief official said in Hyderabad.

However, more than 980 fishermen are still missing. *(Reuter)*

Liz Taylor must pay legal costs

Los Angeles: The *National Enquirer* crowed over a judge's ruling that Elizabeth Taylor and Larry Fortensky, her latest former husband, must pay the £263,800 costs of a failed court fight in which they had claimed an article invaded their privacy. *(AP)*

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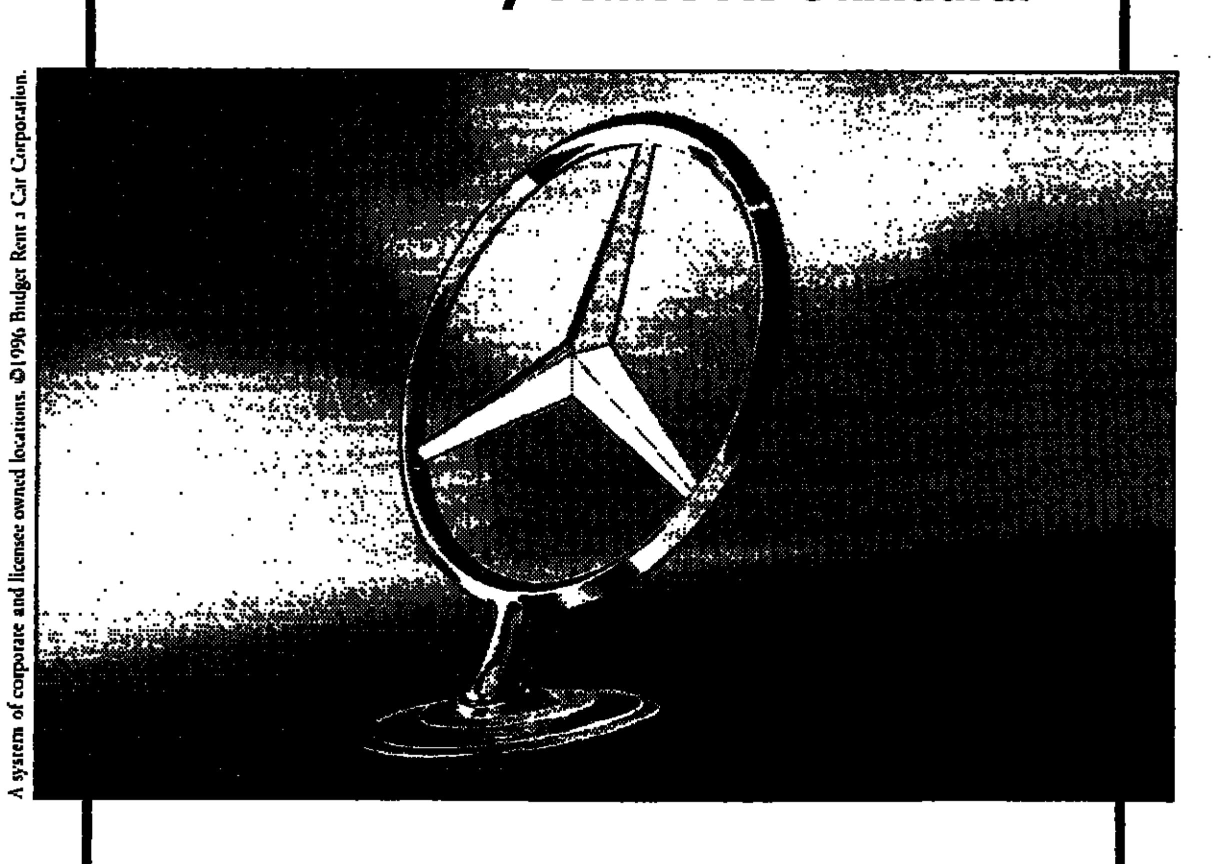

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Lawsuit rekindles doubts over death of Clinton aide

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

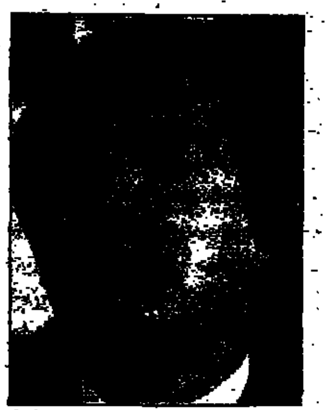
THE most compelling mystery of the Clinton Administration returned to haunt the White House yesterday when a key witness in the death of Vincent Foster, the presidential aide and confidant, sued the American Government and two FBI agents he accused of harassment and falsifying his evidence.

Patrick Knowlton, 41, a construction consultant, claimed the FBI had tampered with his testimony after he arrived at Fort Marcy Park outside Washington on July 20, 1993, more than an hour before the body of the deputy White House counsel was officially discovered in nearby bushes.

The day after he was later subpoenaed to appear as a grand jury witness, Mr Knowlton said he became subject to sustained intimidation by a surveillance network of at least 25 men, whom he claims tried to prevent him from telling his story.

Yesterday, outside the US district court in Washington, he released details of a $1.5 million (£930,000) suit filed against the US Government and the FBI which had been sealed until after the presidential election.

"I want the truth behind why my reports were falsified by the FBI and why people were harassing me," he said. "I have no idea how Vince Foster's life ended. All I do know is that all the information does not quite add up."


Foster: White House says he committed suicide

Caught in traffic while returning home from a job in Maryland, Mr Knoowlton had stopped at the park to relieve himself before driving home to Washington. He parked beside a brown Honda Accord with Arkansas plates and close to the only other car in the area, a blue-grey sedan.

According to his testimony, a Middle Eastern or Hispanic looking man in the sedan gave Mr Knowlton a threatening look as if he was guarding the park entrance.

When Mr Knowlton telephoned the park police on hearing of Foster's death the next day, they took only a brief statement and even spelled his name wrongly. Nine months later, he was interviewed by Lawrence Monroe, an FBI agent, whom he claims went to extraordinary lengths to persuade Mr Knowlton that the Honda he had seen was not merely blue, but a later model similar to that driven by Mr Foster. Mr Monroe and Russel Bransford, another federal agent, are named in the suit, which will be handed to Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, at the end of the week.

Mr Knowlton claims a series of other alterations were made to his testimony and when finally he was called before the grand jury, a form of harassment employed by covert psychological operation units was used against him.

"I feared for my life," he said. "These men followed me everywhere and gave me threatening stares wherever I walked."

The case comes under the remit of Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel on Whitewater, who said this week that his investigation had been hampered by a lack of co-operation from people with relevant information.

The death of Foster, one of the Clintons' closest friends from Arkansas, is still the most potent puzzle of this Administration. The White House consistently has said he committed suicide, but testimony from those such as Mr Knowlton has continued to leave a question mark hanging over the case.

Arms cache found under New York

From Quentin Letts
in New York

A MAZE of tunnels and underground "dungeons" containing rifles, machine-guns and explosives was found in a residential district of New York.

Police said the bizarre find in Brooklyn's Crown Heights area could indicate the presence of an urban militia which may have been using three adjoining houses as a bomb factory. The four-storey brownstone houses have been occupied for 15 years by an offshoot of the 1960s radical group, the Weathermen, which was founded with the aim of conducting a "people's war" against the American Government.

More than 65 handguns, rifles and submachineguns were found in the warren after a tip-off, together with a cache of ammunition which had been concealed in the back of a wardrobe.

Thirty arrests were made after several people darted out of the building and numerous packages were taken away for forensic examination.

JOHN PRYKE/REUTER

The 67 Gurkha Independent Field Squadron at its Hong Kong disbandment parade in September

Loyal Gurkhas feel let down as families are left behind in Nepal

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

"THE Gurkhas are extremely loyal even when they are being treated badly. They won't grumble and perhaps that is a part of the problem," says Stephen Hawgood, the manager of one of the Hong Kong security companies that employs demobbed Gurkhas, now seen around town wearing red berets and guarding valuable things and important people.

However, the Gurkhas can make a point about loyalty as a two-way street. Krishna Bahadur Ale, a former captain in the Queen's Gurkhas, spent 14 years of his 24 years in the service in Hong Kong. Now a security officer, he remembers the Chinese Army firing across the border during the Cultural Revolution and seizing his commanding officer and dragging him away. "One of the lads took out his kukri [the Gurkha dagger], went in, and brought him back."

Now Mr Krishna faces being sent back to Nepal, with 800 other Gurkha veterans, because of Hong Kong's tightening laws on imported labour. "Hong Kong is my second home. Maybe we are owed something by Hong Kong. Maybe not," he says. He may as well have said Britain.

There have been Gurkhas in the British Army for almost 180 years and they have been posted in Hong Kong for 48 of them. As the garrison here winds down, in which at one time there were 7,500 Gurkhas, most soldiers and their families, are leaving the Army. Many have been flown home but a few hundred will join The Parachute Regiment in Britain, 750 more will bolster the Royal Signals, Transport and Engineers.

Here lies the core of the family problem. Under the 1947 tripartite agreement between Britain, India and Nepal, Gurkhas in the British Army can be accompanied by their families overseas only to Hong Kong and Brunei, unlike all other British soldiers who, except on short tours such as Bosnia-Herzegovina, take their families with them.

Gurkhas based in Britain knew that when they were sent to Hong Kong or Brunei their families would join them. Now only those posted to The Parachute Regiment have this hope; those posted to Brunei will be in the Royal Gurkha Rifles, a combat outfit.

For those in the Gurkha Signals, Transport or Engineers there can never again be an "accompanied" posting because Hong Kong is no longer available. Thus their families will remain in Nepal, one of the world's poorest countries. Its wretched schools mean their children will no longer have some of their education in service schools nor will their families be looked after by British Army doctors.

By contrast, there are tens of thousands of Gurkhas in the Indian Army who, when their enlistments are finished, can settle in India with their families.

A Hong Kong source close to the Army said yesterday: "It's garbage about the tripartite agreement. It could be changed. But the Ministry of Defence is terrified of British racists who don't want a lot of black women giving birth in England to black babies who will then be British automatically. It's as simple as that."

This dispute seems a long way from November 8, 1994, when the last 153 Gurkhas trained in Hong Kong's Malaya Lines took part in the colony's final passing out parade.

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Nepalese leader pleads for pensions

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor
and Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE Nepalese Prime Minister, Sher Bahadur Deupa, yesterday asked John Major for a pledge that Britain would allow the Gurkhas to bring their families with them when they move to Britain from Hong Kong.

He also asked Britain to pay Gurkhas the same army pensions as British soldiers. At present they receive only about one eighth of the pension of British soldiers.

Britain is to retain 3,000 Gurkhas in the Army, and over the next six months 2,000 will come to Britain from Hong Kong, where they currently form the main British garrison.

The Ministry of Defence which is carrying out a review of the Gurkhas' pay and conditions, is expected to offer married quarters accommodation for those who are to be based at Folkestone.

The expected decision follows criticism by Field Marshal Sir Nigel Bagnall, a former Chief of the General Staff, supported by MPs, after it emerged that the Gurkhas relocated in Britain from Hong Kong would not be allowed to bring their families.

Britain is unlikely to accede to Mr Deupa's request for equal pensions, however. The Gurkhas' conditions of service are governed by a 1947 tripartite agreement between Britain, Nepal and India. The Ministry of Defence pointed out that the Gurkhas' pensions go a long way in Nepal.

Mr Deuba, the first Nepalese Prime Minister to pay an official visit to Britain for 55 years, said that many of the Gurkhas who resettled in Nepal faced hardship. He called for more British welfare provision. In the Second World War, about 250,000 Gurkhas fought alongside British and Commonwealth forces. In the two world wars, there were more than 43,000 Gurkha casualties.

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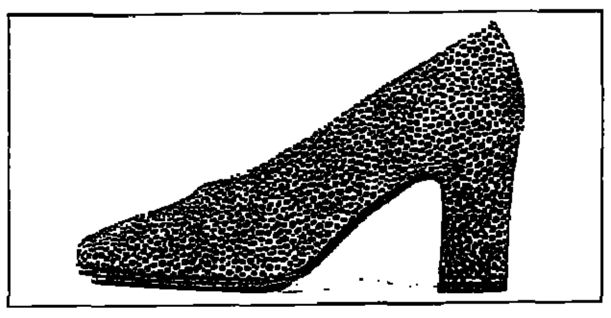
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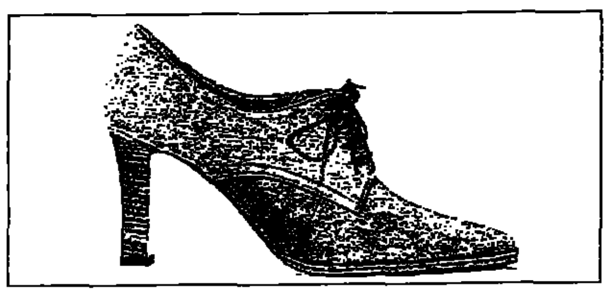
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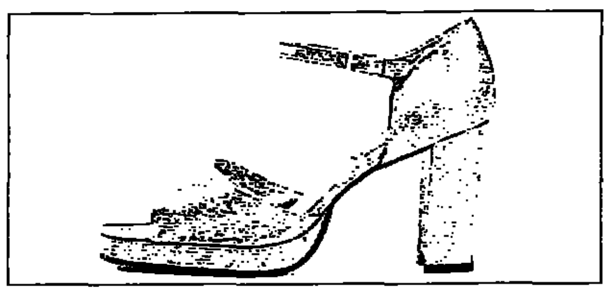
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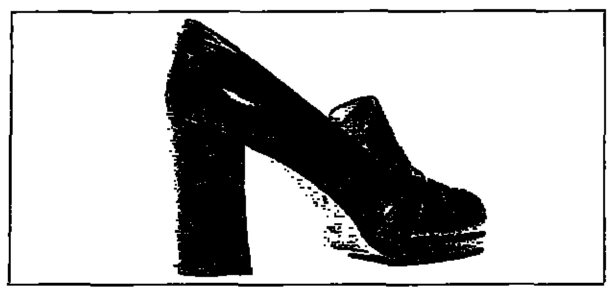
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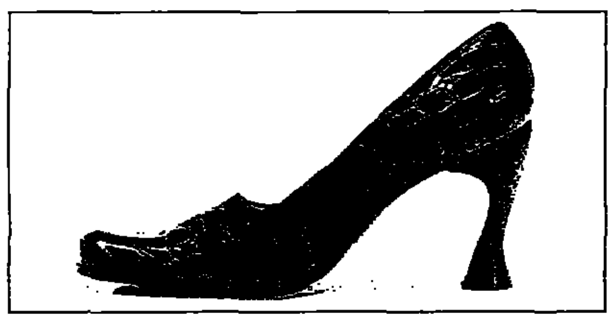
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Style Editor **Grace Bradberry** says this season's fashions won't work without high heels unless you want to look like a frump

Tripping round town in a pair of ultra-high stilettos is the sort of thing that models get up to. We expect it of them. And we'd never dream of doing anything so silly ourselves.

But this winter many of us could find ourselves trying to emulate the high-heeled acrobatics of Shalom Harlow and her ilk. It's either that or look like frumps.

The season's simple, minimalist styles just won't work without heels. On-the-knee skirts, boot-cut trousers, slip-dresses, bias-cut evening wear — *they all need that bit of extra lift.*

Exactly which shape of heel is not the issue. Wooden stacks have a cult fashion following, as do Mary Janes. Stilettos remain popular. But it's really the height that counts — and we're talking very high indeed.

If you think you can pass on this particular trend, then think again. Vertiginous footwear *really will transform* many of the best looks, a fact brought home to me in Joseph recently, when the assistant slipped a pair of Prada shoes into the changing room.

It was a shrewd sales tactic. With the addition of heels, a pair of tweed trousers that had looked frumpy and unflattering suddenly had an elongating effect on the legs. A skirt that had looked *ordinary and oddly proportioned* came into its own as a quirky, stretchy little number.

The only problem was that I just couldn't walk in the shoes. Even standing stock-still in the changing room they were a challenge. So I didn't buy them (the £210 price tag was another turn-off), but I did buy the clothes, and that meant finding a pair of comfortable stacks elsewhere.

Now I don't wish to heap the *blame on Russell & Bromley* (where I eventually bought a pair of brown mock-croc stacks). Their enormous wooden heels are doubtless as wearable as those of any other high street store. But that's not saying much. For the first month, at any rate, they were agony.

Staggering down the street, a blister rapidly forming on one heel, I found it hard to believe that a less practical pair of shoes had ever existed. Eventually, I learnt to clump the whole foot down at once and things improved. Even now, however, fleet-footed agility is out.

But according to Angela Dunn, a catwalk model for the past ten years, my shoes are for wimps. "Stilettos are far worse than stack heels," she says. "But to be honest, 99 per cent of the time, the shoes I'm given to wear are uncomfortable."

Her tip for walking in thick high heels is to put the whole of the foot down at once: "In stacks, you can't put your heel down first because the arch of your foot can't bend as you take a step forward. It sounds silly, but you really do have to practise."

Even so, accidents will happen. "If you're on the catwalk and you're running or losing your balance, then you clinch the knee muscles and the back muscles," says Angela. "But obviously that's not something you'd want to try too often . . ."

> 'The only problem was I just could not walk in the shoes'

Manolo Blahnik, the high *society shoe* designer, has another suggestion: buy shoes that are properly constructed. "I saw a very important American editor recently, and she was wearing huge constructivist heels. She was in pain," he says. "It doesn't matter how high the shoe is, the important thing is that the balance of the body has to be in the central point. There's no secret *about it — it simply has to be* beautifully done by the best technicians." A clutch of whom are, of course, in his employ.

Even so, he has steered clear of the clumpiest stacks. "I do have a stack heel, but it's thinner, not a reproduction of the Seventies. Really, stack heels are for the children."

Armando Pollini, the Italian designer, is also adamant that technical wizardry can create high but comfortable shoes "by a meticulously *accurate attention to shape* and the use of technically advanced materials". But if the bank balance won't run to designer shoes, then you may want to heed George Bernard Shaw's advice: "If you rebel against high-heeled shoes, take care to do so in a very smart hat." Animal print cloches are just the thing this season. . .

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Shalom Harlow tripping down the street in the season's high heels, accompanied by Matt le Blanc

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Small clothes, big looks

Children's departments offer clothes by leading designers at a fraction of the adult price

Child-woman, mutton-dressed-as-lamb, jail bait — there are any number of distasteful expressions for females who do not dress their age. While gender-bending has become an acceptable fashion statement for women, its chronological equivalent remains taboo.

And quite right, too, you might think. Many of us feel distinctly queasy when we *hear that the schoolgirl look is* big — as it is again this year — or when we see pictures of 12-year-old girls dressed up to look 21. Paula Yates's appearance in an undersized Little Miss Trouble T-shirt did nothing to make the concept more palatable.

Of course, there are exceptions. Camilla Nickerson, fashion editor of American *Vogue*, looks minimalist and chic in her expert school uniform buys. And legions of elegant thirtysomething women have tasteful basics bearing the legend "age 12".

One of the season's best *fashion tips is to nip along to* the school uniform departments, where boys' grey V-neck sweaters can look strikingly like the ones in this winter's Prada collection — the V is higher and shallower than on the conventional Benetton version.

But on the whole, people keep quiet about their forays into the children's department. Those who dare to cross the invisible barrier are, however, stealing a march on the rest of us.

They are the ones whose jumpers are neatly cropped at the hipbone, so they accentuate the positive and don't bulk out under jackets. And they are the ones whose polo and skinny-rib jumpers cost less than £20, leaving them with cash to spare on more exciting clothes.

> Many labels produce teenage and adult collections

The fact is that for some time now leading designers have been creating under*sized looks for women. Many* of the more expensive labels produce teenage and adult collections that are strikingly similar, but with very different price tags.

This is partly because you will not be paying VAT, and partly because designers cannot get away with charging 13-year-olds the same prices they would charge women.

And the sizes are not as small as you'd think. A size 14 sweater from GapKids, for example, will easily fit a size 12 woman. The only thing to watch out for is the arm length — although given that skimpy-skinny looks are *the height of chic*, a little too much wrist can be a good thing. Failing that, opt for sleeveless jackets and tank tops. It is also worth investigating boys' ranges — Ralph Lauren and Paul Smith are particularly good for jumpers. Other names to look for include *Jigsaw*, which has just launched a unisex children's range, and Naf Naf. Benetton 012 is one of the best-kept fashion secrets.

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Astrology and the need to believe

Why are we going to New Age cranks for old-style cures?

Being right is not necessarily a consolation. A Church of England report out this week quite accurately describes the cult of the clairvoyant and star signs as "the new religion", and it's the fact that it's correct which is so damning.

But that is simply how it is now, you could argue: one irrational body of beliefs takes over from another. Consider this just a spiritual evolution — or fashion if you wish.

Still, the Church is justifiably peeved: 12 per cent of the population go to Church, but several times that number read their horoscopes. Since the same poll that found the percentage of churchgoers also revealed that more than two thirds of those questioned think of themselves as essentially religious (and believing in God), it becomes obvious that the spiritual slack is being taken up elsewhere.

It is manifestly true, however regrettably, that humans seem to have a basic need for a certain amount of mumbo-jumbo, and if we *don't* find that need met in one place then we will look for it elsewhere.

Nigella Lawson

What must really gall the clergy is the whine (reproduced in this report in the form of a fictional green-ink letter) that "the Church is years out of date" when what has taken over from it is a body of ancient superstitions, all runes and ley lines, that would make a coven of medieval witches look like a rigorously academic meeting of *scientific minds*.

The Bishop of Rochester, the Right Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, who has chaired the group which has written *The Search for Faith & Witness for the Church*, correctly *identifies a fundamental change in* the way we live. If people no longer go to Church (despite protesting a belief in God), then the apparent contradiction inherent in this fact must be analysed.

The obvious implication, before we even start investigating further, may simply be (as all normal people know) that when people are questioned they don't tell the truth. More specifically, it is strange how many people, who are to all intents and purposes unbelievers, are suddenly nervous about the idea of answering "no" to the question "Do you believe in God?".

A mixture of egomania (even if we doubt God's existence we need to feel he doesn't doubt ours) and superstition makes the interviewee feel spooked at the prospect of the God he doesn't *really* believe in striking him with a thunderbolt. So bets are hedged: no to church but yes to God.

The bishop prefers to blame the "privatisation" of society, by which he means the way we increasingly live *our lives at home, alone. He's* right: we no longer meet to draw water from a well. Virtually the only communal activity that exists now is talking about television programmes we have watched.

But *although I see where the* bishop is leading us (and think him right on the main point), it doesn't all add up. It may be part of the modern malaise to sit at home engrossed in *the newspaper* horoscope rather than trudging off in the cold and the dark to Church, but a need for community is every bit as fundamental to humans (more, even) than a need for *spiritual belief. Indeed, the two* come together in the need for ritual, for ceremony, and are thus most efficiently met by church or synogogue or mosque.

None of this explains why we *now prefer to go to* New Age cranks for old-style cures rather than pursuing the more traditional, orthodox route to spiritual satisfaction or medical treatment, for that matter. As the Church realises, the *clergy and the clairvoyants are, to* some extent, in the same business.

Is an irrational belief in star signs any better or worse than an irrational belief in God? Churchmen don't deny that they require an *irrational* belief; indeed, that is the essence of faith. Faith is necessarily set against reason, against science. As indeed are all those who believe in horoscopes. And like the bishop, I condemn astrology, but because it is an offence against science, not because it is an offence against God.

This may be the technological age, but it is marked by a popular anti-scientific movement, which proudly, pointedly, prefers the darkness to the light. Anyone who believes in star signs (or iridology or homeopathy *or whatever) believes that to have* their particular belief denounced as unscientific is to its and their credit.

That's how stupid it all is: if it cannot be proved it must, *in the higher scheme of* things, be right, is the form of unreasoning followed. But even if one ignores for the moment the fact that there is not one iota of scientific proof for astrology, one should remind the new believers that the horoscope was invented before anyone knew about Pluto or Uranus. Even within its own terms it is thus a flawed system of belief. And since the obstetrician or midwife exerts 60,000 times more gravitational force on the baby being born than the nearest planet, I truly can't see how anyone who wants to be taken halfway seriously could even begin to give astrology the time of day.

But they do, they do. And *that's* what bothers me. It always used to be that just the *stupid* people believed in it all. But now perfectly respectable people do, if people who do could be called perfectly respectable. During both my pregnancies I was astonished to find it common to be asked — or more often told — about the baby's star sign. Quite frankly, *I do not expect my friends* to know about such things, or not in detail, let alone express an interest.

I never dare be quite as withering as I feel when expected to lower myself into a conversation about *star signs, although I don't know* why I should be so constrained by the desire not to offend when I feel pretty offended *and* intellectually besmirched by being drawn into such an idiotic exchange.

Out of politeness, I confess I did once allow my astrological chart to be drawn, when a friend of a friend offered and I was too spineless to refuse. I can't remember a thing except that I am apparently born *under the same planetary conjunctions* as George Orwell. Unfortunately, it doesn't seem to mean I am equipped with his genius, but that's astrology for you.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

The Oxford University Congregation voted against Wafic Said's business school scheme, but that has made him more determined than ever to see it through

'My battle with the dons'

Wafic Said intends to donate £20m to fund a business school at Oxford. The academics have voted against it. But the battle is not over. Interview by **Valerie Grove.**

In *his palatial apartment in* Eaton Square, London, Wafic Said awaits a telephone call from Oxford. It will tell him that dons have decided to hold a postal ballot on whether to accept *his £20 million to fund a business* school in the centre of Oxford.

The spectacle of leather-elbowed dons spurning filthy lucre is now familiar. But Mr Said — who resembles Sir Anthony Hopkins in *Hannibal Lecter* mode when he smiles — is gracious about their mistrust, even amused by it.

"Had I frittered my money on a luxurious yacht, nobody would mind," he laughs. "But try to do something worthwhile, and they look for ulterior motives."

The butler brings coffee. The lamps are lit, because the book-lined room is darkened by his next-door neighbour's scaffolding. Who is the tiresome neighbour? "His Grace," replies Mr Said, "the Duke of Westminster. He is our landlord, how can I complain? But I sent a note asking the builders to refrain from banging this afternoon."

All cash-strapped colleges at Oxford and Cambridge must wheedle funds out of tycoons, and I am on my way to my old Cambridge college's annual fund-raising event. Why did Mr Said, who read economics at Cambridge (St John's, 1961-3) not offer *his money* to Cambridge? He says he did: but he was beaten to it. The Judge Business School (benefactor: Sir Paul Judge) was already under way.

'All cash-strapped colleges wheedle funds out of tycoons'

He believes last week's vote was a rejection of the Mansfield Road site, not of him. And it was hardly representative. "Only 15 per cent of the Congregation attended, and *only eight per cent* voted against. How can eight per cent defeat such an important project? We must know the verdict of the other 85 per cent."

A business school in Oxford was *not his idea in the first place.* "In 1990 Oxford decided it wanted a world class business school in the centre of Oxford life. They needed funds of £40 million and appealed to me. I agreed to give 50 per cent. People think I insisted on the site. That is not the case. The university presented it as suitable.

"We selected an imaginative architect [Dixon-Jones] and as the Vice-Chancellor said, we are giving a garden back to Oxford."

Mr Said, who has several homes, including one in Marbella, can live where he pleases, but he says: "I have chosen England." He married his English wife Rosemary, a Cheltenham Ladies' College girl, 27 years ago. He has an Oxfordshire estate of 30,000 acres. Henry Cecil trains his horses. "The horse embodies what is strong and beautiful in Arab culture. I always love racing — even more since I started winning classics. And I admire the democratic institutions of this country — including the freedom of the press, ha ha ha!"

His father was Syria's education minister who founded Damascus's university in the Twenties during the French mandate. Wafic Said went to a Jesuit school in Beirut. After Cambridge, he dabbled in banking and in 1967 opened two restaurants in Kensington High Street, decorated like an Arab tent, with Lebanese dancers. "It was terribly fashionable, but most of the customers were friends who did not pay their bills."

Oxford's objections are perfectly clear to him. "Some are against the site because 30 years ago the University pledged not to build on it. *Some* are *against* having a management school at Oxford at all. And finally there are those who are against me because they do not like me.

"I say to them, if it is any comfort to them, I *am not an arms dealer.* I have never sold so much as a pen knife. I am Syrian born, I am proud of it, and I am an admirer of Mrs Thatcher. And if this presents a problem, I am very sorry." Yes, he was the agent responsible for fixing Britain's biggest defence order, the £20 billion Al-Yamamah contract with Saudi Arabia.

"I was involved in my small way in defending the interests of Britain. The project brought tremendous benefits to the nation for the last seven years.

"Something like 400,000 people have worked on it. But if I am an arms dealer then the chairman of British Aerospace is an arms dealer, and the Prime Minister is an arms dealer."

Yes, of course he profited from the deal. "All Saudi businessmen gained indirectly, because a programme like that requires much infrastructure, construction and maintenance, after the boom of the Eighties."

Lord Jenkins, photographed beaming alongside Mr Said in the *Oxford Magazine*, says the benefaction will put Mr Said among those "to whom Oxford has given immortality".

"I am not the first person to want to attach his name to a college," says Mr Said. "It is the usual practice for big benefactors, from Balliol onwards."

In America, universities rely on such private philanthropy. "People are proud to make money and are respected for giving it. But here it is not *comme il faut.* People are suspicious." He has always been discreet about his gifts in the past. His benefaction to the Royal Shakespeare Company was published not by him but by Lord Alexander, his fellow trustee.

"I am not used to accepting interviews. I do not consider myself a public figure, I will never run for public office. We are private people. Islam tells you to conduct business with discretion. In our culture, when you give a benefaction you lose the *merit* with God if you publicise it."

But Sir Bernard Ingham has advised him "to say what my heart wants to say. So I must speak for the first time about my charitable foundation, because people asked why did I not give money to my own country." The Karim Rida Said Foundation, named after his son who drowned 15 years ago, funds education and health projects in the Middle East, and enables British students to study in Alexandria.

"Somehow, there was a perception that we kept the business school project a secret. But this was because, during our early discussions, my son was offered a place at Balliol to read law and Professor Richard Southwood undertook to keep it under wraps until after my son graduated. So it was two days after my son's results came out last summer that they announced it."

This was shortly after Dr Gert-Rudolph Flick's withdrawal of his gift to Oxford when dons objected on the grounds of his Nazi ancestry. "I happen to know the gentleman, a very generous man. To behave like this to a man who wanted to give something to Oxford was wrong. The university never asked him to withdraw his benefaction, but I think he did not want to face the hassle.

"Let's face it, is this going to deter private donors in the future? Of course."

But he will not withdraw. "We *have worked on this for almost five* years and many people have committed themselves to it. It is worth fighting for."

He knows that suspicion centres on the fact that his foundation will *own the business school:* "We will oversee the construction of the building. It is nonsense that we will have a say in the academic running of the school.

"It will be run by ten trustees, six of them appointed by me, but approved by the Vice-Chancellor — including myself, Sir Charles Powell and Lord Alexander — and four by the university. The only other power the foundation has is the appointment of the director, Professor John Kay, one of the greatest economists in the country."

Of the dons I have spoken to, some will vote for the school "in order not to deter other benefactors" while others will vote against, not out of malice to Mr Said, or snobbery about business courses, but because they think the university has been underhand. "Oxford is a very rebellious society," he said.

"We don't want your bloody money," read a banner outside the Sheldonian last week. Mr Said shrugs: "What would undergraduates be coming to if they did not protest?"

If there is agreement by February 1, his benefaction stands. If next January's ballot of 3,200 dons goes against him, Mr Said will "bow and accept the decision. I would have no choice. Who am I to tell Oxford what to do? But it would be regrettable, heartbreaking, a terrible blow. And everyone would lose."

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■ Worry about asteroids? Not me — I'm too busy planning my fossilisation

Depend upon it, Sir, when a man knows he is to be fossilised in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully.

Indeed, Sir, it does a pretty good job even when he knows there's only an outside chance, because he doesn't know how outside that chance might be. He could start getting fossilised any minute. That is why Dr Duncan Steel, the Director of Project Space Guard, is so eager to establish, as soon as possible, a global network of monitoring stations to watch for giant asteroids heading earthwards. He wants us to be prepared for the end of the world as we know it. He said so on Tuesday's *Today* programme, since when I have been unable to concentrate my mind on anything else.

Because while there is nothing any of us can do about the end of the world as we know it, except say goodbye to it, there is something all of us can do about the beginning of the world as we don't know it, and that is say hello to it. For what, according to Dr Steel, this giant asteroid will do after it has collided with Earth is what its ancestor did to the dinosaurs: its impact having generated enough dust to blot out the sun, the consequent end of nourishing photosynthesis will mean that, when man has finished his last tin of pilchards and pot of noodles, he, along with all other living beings, will have his clogs popped from under him, following which an Ice Age will rapidly roll in to fossilise him to the spot.

Thereafter, nothing will happen for aeons. But eventually — perhaps from under the inert dust, perhaps from under the defrosted sea — something will crawl. It might even hop. Either way, it will not of course be much of anything, but given the passage of several further aeons, it will gradually develop arms, legs, grunts, fire, wheels, and, in inevitable course, a Museum of Natural History to which it can drag its children on rainy afternoons.

This is where we, you and I, come in. Again. This is where we say the hello I mentioned several million years ago, as it were. We do not of course speak this hello, since we are nothing but stony bones, or if you prefer, bony stones, but our painstakingly excavated presence — on plinths, in showcases, or, if we are really lucky, wired together and hanging from the ceiling — will enable our incalculably remote successors to get the message, and reconstruct our lives.

Clearly, therefore, we have to sort out our renaissance now, before it is too late (true, I went into the garden last night and looked up and saw nothing untoward — or, more to the point, toward — but an astronomer friend tells me that some of these asteroids can go like the clappers, a fortnight is a long time in galactics), which is why I wanted to alert you to your duty today. And duty it is, if we wish to present our distant posterity with not merely an appealing picture of ourselves and our civilisation, but with one from which it may take example.

I must of course leave you to make your own decisions as to how you choose personally to dispose yourselves for immortality, but if I may presume to nudge you in what I feel to be the right direction, let me say that, for myself, as Jack Frost begins to nibble terminally at my toes, I shall make certain that I am not not holding a pistol, a combat knife, a personal organiser, an ashtray, a mobile phone, a novelty air-freshener, or the hand of an estate agent, but, rather, a fine quality omelette-pan, a cricket bat (yes, the wood will rot, but a telling indentation should remain), a small bust of Shakespeare, a ukulele, a non-digital half-hunter, stuff like that. As to my preferred demeanour, since I rather doubt that a horse could be persuaded to stand still long enough for me to be fossilised on it, I may instead, though it is admittedly less glamorous, arrange to be fossilised in a bath, which would at least show what hygienic folk the Ancient Britons were.

After all — which of course is when they come — the most important thing with fossils is to leave a good impression.

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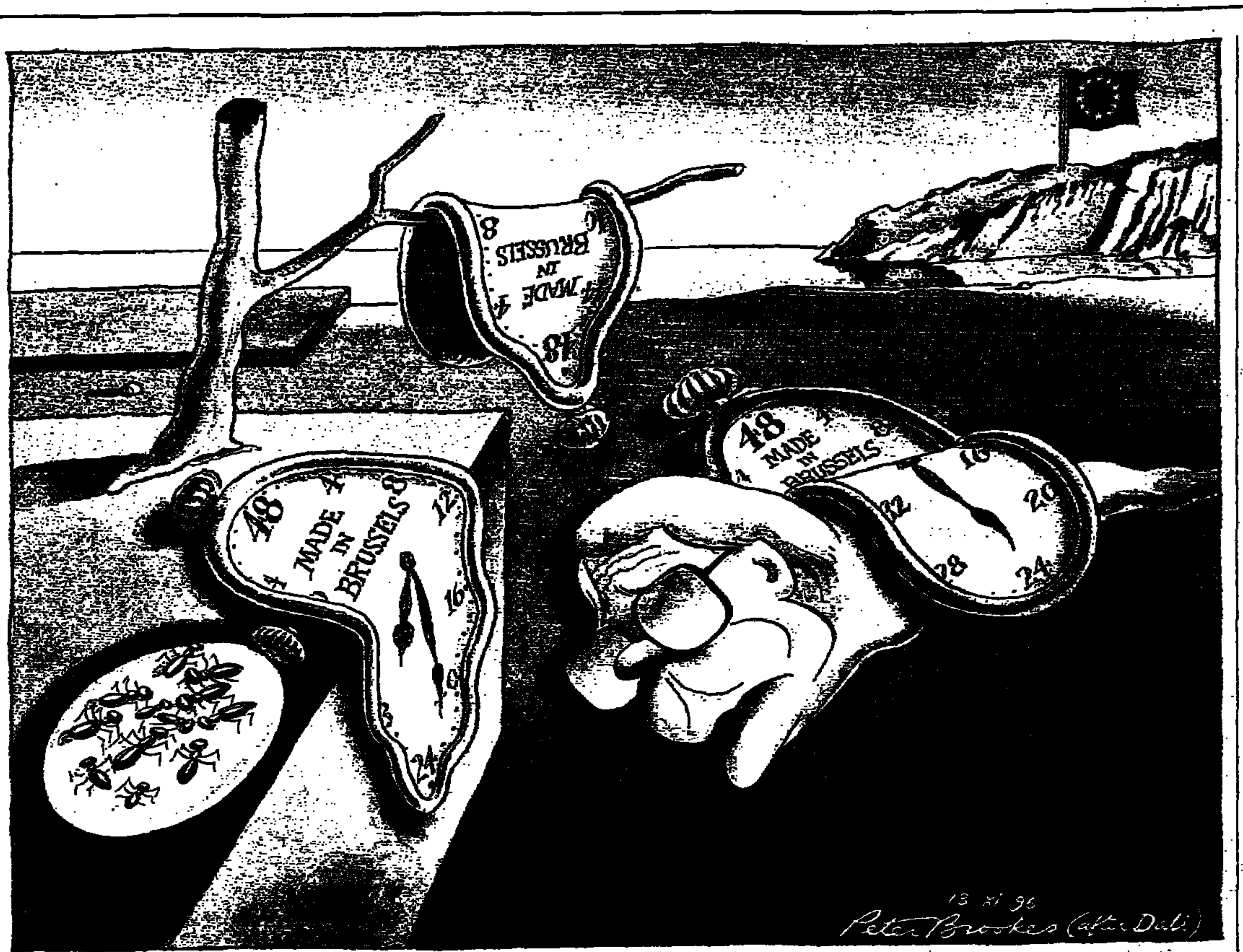

The opium of profit

As a visit to Hong Kong confirms, Britain has been right to introduce democracy to the colony — albeit belatedly

Simon Jenkins

Tomorrow afternoon, the House of Commons will, possibly for the last time, debate the internal affairs of a British overseas colony. There should not be much to debate. There is no option left, no great policy to be determined. In seven months, Hong Kong will not be Britain's concern. It will change owners from one of the world's most liberal empires to its most repressive. God rest its soul.

Hong Kong is crossing this political Styx with lavish provisions. A colony built on the profit of opium has been rebuilt on the opium of profit. If money obeyed the laws of gravity, Hong Kong would by now have slithered into the South China Sea. Money cascades from the Peak to Causeway Bay in a golden stream. Breathe a word, let alone a matter of principle, that might impede that stream, and the demons of the Hongs will curse you to the skies. Departing colonial governors used to be tormented by Mau Mau and Eoka death squads. The outgoing Governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten, is tormented only by millionaires worried about their contracts.

His tormenting gives a deathbed élan to Britain's departure. Has Mr Patten been right to pursue democracy so assiduously this past five years? Was his confrontation with Peking wise and principled, or foolish and impractical? It doesn't matter any more. The die is cast. But it passes the time over cocktails.

The anti-Patten faction is dominated by the Manichean figure of the former diplomat Sir Percy Cradock. He claims that Mr Patten's last-minute obsession with the democratic Legislative Council, which came into being just two years ago, was senselessly provocative — typical of a politician rather than a diplomat. To the "realists", policies should be guided by what best keeps Hong Kong in Peking's good books after 1997, not what suits Mr Patten's career plans back home. The people of Hong Kong and their tenuous freedoms are desperately at risk. No favour is done to them by Mr Patten hurling V-signs at China as *Britannia* sails off into the night next July, however good the fireworks.

To the realists, the reference in the 1984 Joint Agreement to elections, and China's oft-repeated pledge of "one nation, two systems", are just matters of face and bluff. Never upset China, they say. Tibet did that and look what happened to Tibet. Besides, Britain's future commercial interests in China are no small matter. Sometimes money talks: sometimes money is right to kowtow.

This cuts no ice with Mr Patten. He points out with some exasperation that Hong Kong's dealings with China have done nothing but prosper since the supposed advent of confrontation in 1992. Its output has risen by a quarter, exports by two-thirds and investment by 40 per cent. He might even point out that if China "needs Hong Kong more than Hong Kong needs China" — a phrase beloved of commercial analysts — then confrontation is of no account. A cynic might even say that Britain could have sent out a chimpanzee as Governor and it would not have dented profit or made China more or less well-disposed to Britain.

The implication of this argument is that Britain should in 1992 have sent out a "scuttle Governor" to take the money and run. London would have continued the Foreign Office policy of disregarding democratic pressure within the colony. Come next July, a handful of loyalist Chinese officials and businessmen would have grabbed their passports and vanished, leaving Hong Kong's citizens with no institutions through which to express their views, whether to Britain or to China. I imagine there would have been riots in the streets. This was an untenable policy in 1992 and would be more so now. No thesis is more absurd than that past colonial rule from London is no different in principle from future Chinese rule from Peking. True, London has been tardy in giving democracy to Hong Kong — even today the Legislative Council has no control over the executive. But at least London believes in democracy, China does not.

Mr Patten has achieved two goals in wandering through this mausoleum of empires. He has honoured a commitment freely negotiated with China in 1994 to put in place in the colony an elected assembly that might have life after 1997. Britain has made a good habit of leaving its colonies in passably democratic order. Since last year the old Supreme Court building in central Hong Kong has witnessed an activity unknown on the Chinese mainland: a freely elected body laying into its governors with abandon. Dominated by the fiercely articulate Martin Lee and Emily Lau, this assembly has damned Mr Patten for not going even further down the route to democracy. It was not Mr Patten's fault that this journey was not begun sooner.

What he has done is demonstrate, however briefly, an object lesson in how capitalism must work *table d'hôte*, to those who believe it can be ordered *à la carte*. Hong Kong has succeeded not just by being a low-tax free port with a vast hinterland where labour is cheap. It has succeeded because dynamic entrepreneurs prefer a regime that respects civil rights, tolerates a free press, polices markets and promotes on merit.

Hong Kong has changed a great deal from the colonial satrapy that I visited ten years ago. It is almost a mature political entity. The colony's greatest challenge has been corruption. But there is no comparison between its experience of this plague and the massive corruption that passes for "opening up the economy" in China. Just wait and see.

The significance of the Patten legacy will be impossible to judge for some years. Whether or not British firms will lose future contracts is hard to predict. All we know is that British rule has enabled them to become very rich in the past. Hong Kong is now swarming with collaborationists eager to assure Peking and its friends that they are foursquare against Mr Patten. The executive Peking is likely to choose for the colony, the tycoon C.H. Tung, is already in receipt of enough kowtows to keep the contracts rolling into the millennium. We need not cry for Hong Kong on this score.

I expect that the city will see a year or two of boom as China's new breed of state businessmen push their noses to the trough. But only a fantasist could ignore reality. This city-state is to become part of China. Though nobody in Hong Kong cares to mention it now, China is one of the world's political dinosaurs. It is a centralised Communist dictatorship in which dissidents are imprisoned or shot and minorities are suppressed. Neighbouring states are still conquered and most new wealth goes to the corrupt party "princelings" of Peking.

Sooner or later, push will come to shove in Hong Kong. China's Mr Tung had to be bailed out by the Bank of China, where he faced bankruptcy, a habit that will doubtless catch on. The Communists will not put up with true open-market competition in Hong Kong, or with press freedom, or with an independent judiciary. And what of the colony's own party cadres, which are to have a millionaire foisted on them as boss? When comes their pay-day?

The real danger to British interests in China comes well down the line. It will come when the Chinese have made a complete hash of Hong Kong and the past decade will be declared by one and all to have been a golden age. Then Peking will be angry. The British legacy will be described as a fuse left burning to ignite every act of dissent against China.

That fuse should be a source of pride. Britain is leaving not just a gilded cash-register on the Chinese coast, but a minor monument to Western political values. Europe may be poor at microchips and motorbikes, but it is good at the art of government with the consent of the people. Nobody is ramming democracy down Hong Kong's throat. Every survey indicates that its citizens want more not less self-rule. Next July, Peking will face a straight choice: to continue Mr Patten's path to democracy or to install autocracy. It plainly intends autocracy.

That is China's sovereign right. But for Britain not to have left that choice open would have been the true betrayal of Hong Kong. More than that, I believe it would have betrayed whatever honour lay in Britain's whole imperial enterprise. Europe has little to be proud of in the Far East. But at the moment it does at least have Hong Kong.

Why our opt-out did not work

Iain Duncan Smith

says we must dam the flood at source

Yesterday the European Court of Justice finally dismissed the British Government's challenge over the working time directive on the 48-hour working week. What is clear from this decision is that the Commission, the Council of Ministers and the European Court of Justice believe Britain's social chapter opt-out is inconsistent with the process of political union in Europe. Thus the principle is established. Not only will the Court chip away at our derogations, but it has opened the door to a flood of regulations which the Commission has in waiting, such as increased holiday rights for fathers, more regulations on sex discrimination, regulations on part-time workers, workers' privacy and others. What successive governments wrongly thought of as general provisions on social policy in the Treaty of Rome are clearly much more powerful, and are being used against us.

It is a key decision also because it is the first such article to originate in the social charter, the predecessor of the social chapter. It was not then advanced under provisions for "health and safety in the workplace", but in the "living and working conditions" section. But all the Commission needed to do was change the heading, which is a clear demonstration of how the institutions of the EU use the treaty for their own political ends.

In 1991, the Prime Minister was absolutely right to reject the provisions of the social chapter. The opt-out was an attempt to protect Britain's competitive position. However, yesterday's decision demonstrates that there were two serious problems with this position from the outset. The first is that although we opted out of the social chapter, we remained bound by a set of 80 existing articles on social policy in the treaty. These are worded in such a way as to give the European Court of Justice massive scope to enforce such regulations as the working time directive. Worse than that, the key articles in this section are covered by qualified majority voting, which means that once a regulation is proposed in this section, Britain has no veto. Ironically this was bolstered by the European Court of Justice, which made it clear in a judgment that the Commission was within its rights to select an article covered by majority voting, rather than one carrying a national veto. This was in 1991, at the time of the Maastricht negotiations.

The second problem is that even though we opted out of the social chapter, the other member states continue to use the institutions of the EU to run the social chapter. This made it inevitable that they would eventually work to bypass our opt-out, using the main part of the treaty.

This of course highlights a serious flaw in the Labour Party's thinking. Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, knowing how unpopular the social chapter is, have been saying that they will sign up to it but will continue to use the veto. The reality is quite different. Once they have signed up to the Chapter, our partners will force most of the other directives through on qualified majority voting, using existing treaty articles, which Tony Blair will not be able to stop. Either the Labour Party knows this and is deliberately trying to deceive the British public, or it is demonstrating a degree of stupidity which shows its unfitness for government.

The British economy is in a strong condition, but is under threat from this decision. With low levels of inflation, strong growth and falling unemployment, our economy is becoming the envy of other members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. This success, on which the Prime Minister was right to place such emphasis this week, is made possible by the flexibility of our workforce and by the lack of unnecessary regulations in our marketplace, which means that non-wage costs here are half those of in other EU countries.

The Prime Minister has said that he will fight this decision at the intergovernmental conference — a move we can all support. He will do so on the principle that member governments should be responsible to their own electorates for the levels of social provision and cost. As global competition increases, Britain will be right to insist that we remain competitive not just in Europe but everywhere else.

However, the logic of this argument must lead us to insist that the sort of drive towards a Europe-wide social policy that is envisaged in the treaty and enshrined in the eight articles is wrong. We should seek to extend the principle of opt-out to cover the articles already in the treaty, for it is they which empower the European Commission and Court of Justice. It is an opportunity to safeguard our own position and ~~subsequently~~ to lead the EU out of the trap of falling competitiveness. Any deal at the intergovernmental conference which does no more than negate this decision will be only temporary, for the Commission and the Court will continue their drive to bypass our opt-out.

The issue at the general election will be how to continue the British economic success, which has brought falling unemployment and growing prosperity. This European decision is therefore directly related, and will be a core component in showing the Conservative determination to protect our economic record. At Maastricht we dammed part of the river; we must now insist on damming the rest.

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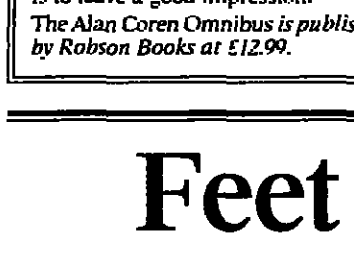
DIARY

Feet first

NEW DEPTHS of vulgarity have been plumbed by the Duchess of York, who is promoting herself in self-pitying style on television chat-shows in New York. Not only has she been criticising "the system, the firm, the grey men, the institution" of the Royal Family for her fall from grace: she now blames Diana, Princess of Wales, for giving her verrucas.

She spotted the scourge of prep-school matrons on her soles when she was single and hobnobbing with her friend, the newly wed Princess of Wales. "When I lived in Clapham, Diana helped me by giving me all her shoes (and, less happily, her verrucas)," she writes in *My Story*, her autobiography.



Step on it, duchess

Yesterday, her office refused to elaborate or to comment on suggestions that she might have given her lover John Bryan foot-and-mouth disease. Medical experts discount Diana as a source of infection, however. "Verrucas have a very long incubation period — up to 18 months," says Thomas Stuttaford, the *Times* doctor. "She can't say she got them from Diana. She's far more likely to have caught them from lounging about by a French swimming pool."

● *An early prize for tastelessness in Christmas books goes to* Last Dinner on the Titanic, *destined for the cookery sections. With recipes and menus from the ship's five-star restaurant, "this lavishly illustrated gift book includes suggestions for music, serving and decorations". Let's hope it sinks without trace.*

Job specs

AGE MUST be catching up with Michael Heseltine, the wild-eyed one still lusting after the top job. He arrived late to deliver the main speech at the Association of County Councils' conference this week.

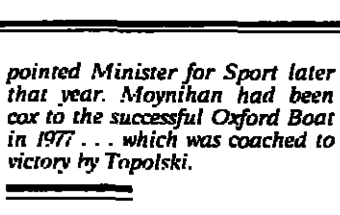
With hair flapping, he patted his pockets in dismay: "One small problem. I haven't got my reading glasses. Has anyone got a pair?" Up popped a local council executive with a very un-Heseltincish pair of specs. They were round and steel-framed and, when perched upon the deputy-prime-ministerial nose, transformed him into an elderly but stately version of the troublesome pop star Liam Gallagher.

● *Dan Topolski, the Oxford rowing coach, was an adviser on the film* True Blue. *But while Topolski is played by a Belgian actor, Johan Leysen, Dan himself appears as the umpire of the Boat Race. In fact, the 1987 umpire was Colin Moynihan, who was appointed Minister for Sport later that year. Moynihan had been cox to the successful Oxford Boat in 1977 . . . which was coached to victory by Topolski.*

Ladies?

THE 2,500 feminists gathering for an international conference on violence and women's citizenship will return home having struck a memorable blow for female emancipation.

Campaigns for free abortion on demand and for lesbian adoption rights have yet to come to fruition.



"But darling, we might be hit by an asteroid soon"

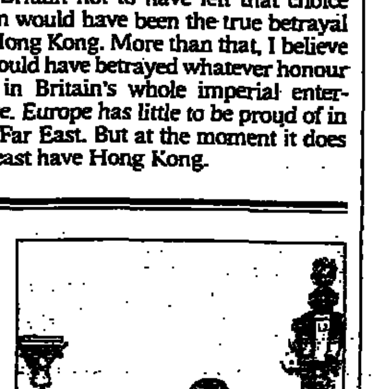
But the Doc-Marten-clopping sisters will not forget their coup: the storming of the gentlemen's conveniences at the Brighton Conference Centre, where they banished all half-dozen of the male delegates and commandeered the facilities by putting a sign on the door: "These are women's toilets. Men elsewhere."

The boys wisely looked for an alternative.

● *In the pouring rain outside the Commons the other night, Alan Rusbridger, the Editor of* The Guardian, *hailed a cab hoping to be taken to television studios for an interview. Simon Hughes, the extraordinary cab-owning Liberal Democrat MP, wound down his window — bringing to mind Mohamed Al Fayed's memorable suggestion that MPs could be rented in the same way as hiring a taxi.*

Cheque up

ASIL NADIR, the fugitive and friend of Michael Mates, has been reduced to paying cash for groceries in his native northern Cyprus. He has been banned from writing cheques for a year: banks have been told not to issue him with a chequebook.



New nadir for Asil

Nadir's name has been circulated in a government blacklist. The news has been reported with relish by Turkish Cypriot newspapers, with the exception of *Kibris*, the biggest-selling daily — which is owned by Nadir. Apparently Nadir wrote £800,000-worth of cheques to a friend, who hoped to use them as collateral for a loan. They bounced, and the dapper chap once known as the Sultan of Berkeley Square, on account of his lavish outlook, is now counting loose change.

P·H·S

EUROPE ISN'T WORKING

Social legislation should be made in Britain, not Brussels

The European Court of Justice's ruling that Britain must implement the working time directive is objectionable in principle and will prove damaging in practice. In a Europe of nation states centralised authority should not be intervening in this way to dictate arrangements between employers and workers. Lost independence aside, this directive will cost industry jobs and the taxpayer money. The Government is determined to exercise its veto over institutional reform in Europe until a treaty is agreed which will guarantee Britain's exemption from the directive. There is a political advantage for the Tories in fighting on this ground, but they would not need to fight this battle if they had been better stewards of Britain's sovereignty in the past.

Advocates of limiting working hours have argued that it enhances the quality of life and increases employment by protecting workers from exploitation and encouraging industries to recruit new employees to take up the slack. In practice, it has the opposite effect. Companies that cannot roster workers to meet demand see their customers go elsewhere. A competitive advantage is lost, and in due course, so are jobs. Far from granting any social benefit, such legislation is likely to increase the number who need to claim state benefits and reduce the capacity of the economy to pay for them.

The knowledge that labour market regulation makes it more difficult for labour to find a market drove the Conservatives' supply-side reforms in the Eighties. But even as Britain was adopting the flexibility that has seen it secure the lowest level of unemployment of any major European economy, its partners were moving in the opposite direction. In 1989, inspired by the bicentennial of the French Revolution, Francois Mitterrand sought to confer new, "social", rights on Europe's citizens to complement the economic freedoms secured by the single market. The engine for the propagation of these rights was the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty. Recognising that the chapter could undo a decade of reform, John Major secured his "opt-out".

This, however, has proved a legislative Maginot Line. The European Commission has classified regulations on working hours as "health and safety" matters rather than social. Health and safety legislation is covered by Article 118 of the Single European Act and is subject to qualified majority voting. Britain is thus powerless in law to resist the measure. The Advocate-General to the European Court has argued, in a manner that would have fit well in the world of Lewis Carroll, that "health...is social and does not consist of just being free of sickness". The Court, which exists to advance integration, has been only too happy to see the exemption nullified.

Mr Major believes he has been traduced. He has pledged not to agree to any treaty revision until he secures a guarantee that his opt-out is as effective as he hoped. There is, however, an element of attitudinising in Mr Major's stance. No-one expects any treaty revision to be agreed until after the election. Diplomatic work can continue behind the scenes while the Prime Minister has no need to agree to anything in public. Mr Major can appear the defender of British independence and paint Labour as Brussels's handmaiden — all in a way that does not divide his party.

While the Prime Minister may attempt to display righteous indignation, he cannot claim he was not offered advanced warning. During the passage of the Bill to ratify the Maastricht treaty Mr Major was told that the social chapter opt-out was not an effective protection against social legislation. As Iain Duncan Smith points out on the opposite page, Britain is still bound by eight articles in the treaty which govern social policy. The Government is right to fight now, but the only assurance that ministers will not need to fight, fight and fight again in the future is a renegotiation of the treaty which does not simply provide new opt-outs to be outflanked but throws the federalist ratchet into reverse.

HOMES FIT FOR HEROES

The Gurkha families should be accommodated in Britain

On Monday the nation's thoughts turned to those who died for their country in various conflicts throughout this century. Not least among those who made the ultimate sacrifice are the Gurkhas who have served the British Army since 1815 and won the Victoria Cross on 26 occasions.

Yesterday, Mr Sher Bahadur Deuba, the Prime Minister of Nepal, met with John Major to petition the Prime Minister on Gurkha concerns. There are now some 4,000 Gurkhas present in our Armed Forces. Until this month they were predominantly stationed in Hong Kong with pockets in Britain and Brunei. With the closure of their Hong Kong base, some 2,000 troops will be transferred to this country to join the 5th Airborne Brigade. Their grievances are twofold: the level of pensions paid to former servicemen and the refusal of the Ministry of Defence to offer housing to the families of the 1st Battalion the Royal Gurkha Rifles.

The Nepalese Prime Minister urged Mr Major to look at pension provision for the Gurkhas. They currently receive barely 15 per cent of the rate enjoyed by British soldiers. That produces a sum ranging from £22 to £79 per month. That might seem a paltry amount but looks more credible when set against an average annual income in Nepal of £200. Furthermore, the Gurkhas provide men not only for Britain but the armies of India and Nepal as well. In the longer term, the main military future of the Gurkhas lies in Asia, not Aldershot. Those armies could not possibly expect to sustain respectable levels if much more attractive financial arrangements were made available by this country. Although there are important questions concerning those who, for several reasons, fail to qualify for pensions, on the core matter the Ministry of Defence has a solid argument.

On the issue of military housing, however, Whitehall stands on much more dubious ground. While stationed in Hong Kong the Gurkha regiment did enjoy provision for married accommodation. As the custom in Nepal is for young men to marry usually before the age of 21, such provision was vital to sustaining a sizeable force. In addition, a school devoted to the promotion of Nepali culture existed. No such facility can be provided by the Church Crookham barracks. This means Gurkha families must return to Nepal from Hong Kong and has caused great resentment.

The ministry notes, accurately, that Gurkhas stationed in Britain have never been provided with such housing before. This is true but the proportion of all soldiers serving in this country has never been as high as it will be now that their task in Hong Kong has ended. What might have been reasonable to tolerate when a tour of duty to Britain formed a relatively small proportion of a Gurkha's life is not so easily defended in these new circumstances. Britain's position appears churlish.

Michael Portillo, to his credit, has not ruled out a reconsideration. The new quarters being constructed for the Gurkhas at the John Moore Barracks in Folkestone could be adapted to include substantial married accommodation if the money and the political will can be found. It should be — not only because of the debt of honour we owe for distinguished service in the past but as an act of foresight if the MoD's recruitment problems persist.

CAVIARE CRISIS

Why sturgeons were sticklers for communism

Caviare was always the supreme irony of Soviet Russia. When the shop counters were bare, the queues unending and even the simplest provisions rationed, caviare, the delicacy that was a byword in the capitalist world for conspicuous consumption and a champagne lifestyle, was freely available. It was piled high in the better restaurants; it was the standard snack served in the Bolshoi's crushbar; and, despite the cost, caviare, both red and black, was always the boast of every hostess, the pride of birthday celebration. The Anglo-American school in Moscow still remembers the African boy, asked to identify a picture of a tin of baked beans, exclaiming with delight "it's caviare". In Brezhnev's Russia, caviare was familiar; beans were unknown.

But as Russia turns capitalist, the caviare is disappearing. The Caspian Sea sturgeon that provided the elixir of the tsars are being rapidly hunted to extinction. Overfishing, the collapse of state controls, the plundering demands of smugglers and mafia bosses have all but ruined what was once an enormously profitable industry. Whereas 20 years ago Russia harvested some 2,000 tonnes of black caviare a year, last year's catch amounted to no more than 100 tonnes. Up to 90 per cent of the caviare now taken from the seas is smuggled. As the official price soars because of the shortage, the black market price of caviar has plummeted.

Fishing is one of the few industries where the case for regulation is overwhelming. However inefficient the economy of the former Soviet Union, the communists at least understood that the national treasure of their seas had to be nurtured and protected. Hatcheries then were properly organised, breeding seasons undisturbed, fishing quotas enforced and cross-border co-operation encouraged with Iran, the world's only other great caviare producer. All that has now been swept away. Pirate fishing boats are catching the magnificent female sturgeon before they are mature enough to produce the eggs; trawlers, previously banned, are decimating stocks; clandestine exporters are sending out caviare that is neither freshly stored nor properly packed. Only Iran is still able to enforce some sort of worthwhile controls at the southern end of the sea.

Western importers reckon that commercial sturgeon stocks will vanish within three years; conservationists estimate another five to ten years. As for the caviare now reaching the West, too often the eggs are stale or infected with chemicals washed into the polluted Caspian. Scandinavian lumpfish roe has already cornered the market in cocktail canapés; soon caviare, pricing itself beyond even the reach of the most ostentatious hostess, will be no more than a memory of a delicacy savoured and lost.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Failure' of care in the community

From the Chair of the Mental Health Strategy Group, Association of Directors of Social Services

Sir, The news that the Government is to announce a "shake-up" of mental health care ("Radical policies to end the failure of care in the community", report, November 6) needs to be seen in perspective.

Mental distress is very common and will have touched every family; but severe illness is uncommon, and violence from people who are mentally ill is very rare, although its consequences are of course tragic. The vast *majority of people with severe mental* illness live settled lives in the community without incident and are offered good care when required.

This association believes that the spectrum of care will help the relatively few people who need long-term 24-hour care — and will in part replace the old long-stay hospitals which are rightly being closed. However, restructuring the organisation and management arrangements for mental health care will be no more than a diversion, creating different boundaries which will still have to be crossed for full care to be offered.

We would like to see a consultation document that will allow for informed discussion on how to improve effective care from all professionals, how to manage the sharing of information when the laws governing it are complex, and how to get more resources into community support, which is where they are most needed by the huge majority of users of mental health services.

Yours sincerely,
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November 7.

From Mr Peter Thurnham, MP for Bolton North East (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, Jill Sherman (report, November 6) correctly identifies the damaging division of responsibilities between health authorities and local councils as being the real problem with community care.

Labour and the Government may claim to be committed to action but only the Liberal Democrats have long called for a full merger between the two bodies — along with fundamental reform of local government — as the preferred solution to tackle the growing crisis.

The Government's White Paper is long overdue and further health funds are clearly a priority, not only for hospitals next year but in order to avert further disasters in community care this year.

Yours faithfully,
PETER THURNHAM
(Liberal Democrat spokesperson on community care),
House of Commons.
November 7.

From Mrs Elaine Isaacs

Sir, "Care in the community" has failed many mentally ill people. I have tried for nearly ten years to find out *who* was responsible for my late husband's care, which covered several hospitals in different health districts, general practitioners, the NHS and the private sector.

Tragically, many people with mental health problems are more likely to harm themselves, not other people. Your report highlights the need for better co-ordination of services, more resources, and more care and support for mentally ill people and their carers. We also need to be aware of the public's misconceptions about mental illness and tackle the stigma and discrimination experienced both by people who are mentally ill and their families.

Most people who are mentally ill are voluntary patients, not detained under the Mental Health Act. There is very little redress for them or their families when something goes wrong, as tragically happened to my husband almost ten years ago.

Yours faithfully,
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November 11.

Burges bottle

From Mr Christopher Lewis

Sir, Regarding your report (November 5) about the important Batavian bottle discovered at the Skegness *Antiques Roadshow*, I would like to make it clear that both our experts, David Battie and Paul Atterbury, were aware that the bottle was decorated by William Burges — his name was written round the bottom, after all. Both recognised it as an important "lost" piece and both agreed upon a valuation of £25,000-£30,000.

Your report may have given the impression that Mr Battie recognised the piece as just an ornament worth £200 — its value without the Burges decoration. This is incorrect.

Yours faithfully,
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Reducing the misery of infertility

From Dr T. R. Moss

Sir, The concept of a national screening programme to combat sexually-transmitted chlamydial disease is excellent ("Infertility linked to rapid spread of infectious disease", report, November 7), and the working party set up by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is to be congratulated for addressing this issue.

In 1985 this genito-urinary unit, working in collaboration with the late Patrick Steptoe, identified serological evidence of chlamydial infection in approximately one half of women seeking in-vitro fertilisation for fallopian tube infertility. To our surprise we found that the failure rate of embryo replacement was increased by a factor of two in those women where specific blood tests showed previous chlamydial infection. Research in this area continues at Cornell University.

For 16 years we have used screening by culture or antigen detection which identifies the chlamydia micro-organism. We have found that in later disease specific blood tests for chlamydia are invaluable and, to a degree, overcome cross-reaction to other (non-genital) chlamydial agents. Combined with testing for the organism, it has allowed effective control of chlamydial disease in our local population.

This is evidenced indirectly by the work of our surgeons. In most UK units it would be expected that considerably more young women than young men would have their appendix removed for acute abdominal pain. Where effective chlamydia control is achieved this ratio is reduced, as chlamydia can very closely mimic the features of appendicitis by irritating the outer membrane; in this unit the ratio is now one-to-one.

Not only will a national screening programme dramatically reduce the misery, suffering and cost of avoidable infertility; it may also save very considerable operative expenditure for "appendicitis".

Yours faithfully,
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Moral values in school and society

From Mr Trevor Waller

Sir, Mr D. H. Bryant (letter, November 7) advises Glenn Hoddle to resign from football and to turn to social work. As a professional social worker of more than 20 years' standing, I would say that Mr Bryant reflects a *harmful trend which has accelerated* over the past 30 years.

It cannot be left to social workers to cure society's ills, just as the police and prisons cannot stop crime, or schools be the sole custodians of children's education. Each member of society needs to "breed" an attitude in which it is *de rigueur* to be helpful, morally in the right, and interested in the world around us.

Mr Hoddle sets a good example.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR WALLER,
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November 7.

From Professor Emeritus T. F. Daveney

Sir, Since it is impossible to establish the validity of any moral code, either logically or scientifically (and that includes Western liberal codes based on human rights and freedoms), it might be expedient simply to inculcate in the young those virtues which enable society to function smoothly: for example, good manners, forbearance, honesty, benevolence, etc.

Never mind the metaphysics, just stick to Hooker's principle of "natural duty": if you want others to oblige you, you yourself should be prepared to oblige others.

Yours, etc,
TOM DAVENEY,
The Old Chapel, Whiddon Down,
Okehampton, Devon.
November 7.

From the General Secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers

Sir, I have been very privileged this week to attend the Albert Hall in London for the Schools Prom. What I was able to witness there was a supreme example of the success of British education.

My last attendance was around ten years ago, and there is no doubt that standards have risen during that time. From my own knowledge of schools I know that behind what I saw and heard there are thousands of other youngsters, all achieving well under the direction of excellent and inspirational teachers; but where are the newspaper headlines, the reports and the television clips, proclaiming the excellence of the education system and extolling the competence of the teaching profession?

Media hype and parliamentary rhetoric seem only to want to concentrate on the negative, without allowing us to see what is positive. There are many, many more positive and good things to say about British education than we are hearing at the moment.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN R. ANDREWS,
General Secretary,
Professional Association of Teachers,
2 St James' Court, Friar Gate, Derby.
November 7.

From the Reverend Nicholas Charrington

Sir, It's interesting that Lord Rees-Mogg (article, October 23) and Viscountess Sidmouth (letter, October 31), in their criticism of the Roman Catholic bishops' report *The Common Good*, suggest that the fate of the unborn child is a matter for moral concern but the economics of a free market is not (see also letters, October 26).

I'm sure the bishops would agree that we should "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's". But can Caesar be trusted with the free market if God is to be kept out of it?

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS CHARRINGTON,
The Rectory,
Longden, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.
November 2.

A woman's role

From Ms Kate Hatfield

Sir, Nowhere in Roger Scruton's article ("The party of humbug", November 6) is there any acknowledgement of the damage that can be done to women and therefore children in the kind of society he admires; based on traditional, "old fashioned" attitudes to marriage and family values.

It may well have given a man self-esteem to be able to "assert exclusive rights over the woman whom he chose", to provide for her, and to be sure that she would not expect "equal access to jobs traditionally performed by men". But consider what can happen to the self-esteem (and indeed the mental health) of a woman confined to domestic labour. Such an existence might be quite as unsuitable to her intellect and character as it would be to Scruton's.

The old sexual morality demanded fidelity of wives but gave licence to their husbands. What do women do if they are abandoned by their husbands? With no profession or income of their own, left in sole charge of the children, they face a bleak future.

There is a serious problem in society today, but the solution does not lie in a return to a world in which women had to pretend to be less than they were in order to support the myth of male superiority, a world in which if they wished to keep themselves and their children fed they were forced to accept whatever their husbands might choose to impose on them.

Yours etc,
KATE HATFIELD,
c/o Transworld Publishers Ltd,
61-63 Uxbridge Road, W5.
November 6.

From Mr Alan Challoner

Sir, My one disagreement with Roger Scruton is his suggestion that it is "the centuries-old distinction of the masculine and the feminine, upon which the habit of marital fidelity depends".

Marital fidelity surely depends not upon differences but upon compatibilities. Those who are good friends and companions first, and who have trust and empathy with each other, are the ones whose eventual marriages are likely to last. Marriages based on what Scruton refers to as "sexual licence and the quick fix" are often built on sand.

As he suggests, "the family is built on sacrifice. It requires two people to . . . provide for their children . . . [and have] fidelity, self-discipline, economy and faith in the future."

Yours faithfully,
ALAN CHALLONER,
13 The Village,
Bodelwyddan, Denbighshire.
November 6.

Updated 'Fowler'

From Dr J. A. D. Ewart

Sir, As a coda to two excellent letters on the new "Fowler" (November 6; see also letters, November 1), Sherlock Holmes rightly split an infinitive when talking about a blow that he "failed to entirely avoid" because any other position of the adverb alters the intended sense.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. D. EWART,
Delgany, Solesbridge Lane,
Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.
November 6.

From Mr John Grant

Sir, Would Fowler have criticised the child, upstairs in bed, who asked his mother: "What did you bring that book I didn't want to be read to out of up for?"

Yours sincerely,
JOHN GRANT,
Pendle, 17 Stone Road, Bromley, Kent.
November 6.

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Value of nation's pause for thought

From Miss Sierra Hutton-Wilson

Sir, A collective silence, whether observed at The Cenotaph or at a football stadium, leaves those who participate in no doubt as to its profound and lasting effect (reports, November 11 and 12).

While we are familiar with the moving ceremonies on Remembrance Sunday, it seems there are some who have yet to be fully convinced of the value of an additional two minutes' silence on the actual anniversary of the Armistice. It seems extraordinary to me that among that number were not only the disaffected youth I saw on television who thought it "all a waste of time", but also major stores such as John Lewis and Safeway. What is also hard to understand is the generally low-key, low-priority coverage given in some sections of the media.

The British Legion deserves better support for its inspired and inspiring initiative. The whole point of observing the exact hour and day of the Armistice is to pause in the midst of normal activity and witness the nation coming to a standstill as one to honour those whose sacrifice made that freedom possible. In that moment lies the key to an inner reminder of our finer qualities; a potentially transformative experience of respect, gratitude, community, pride, hope and of resolve towards peace. Such sentiments need every encouragement in modern life.

Next year there should be no half measures. The British Legion, the Government, media, commerce and industry should give a wholehearted commitment to full participation and acknowledgement of our history and future resolve. For those who remain sceptical, I would simply say — try it.

Yours faithfully,
SIERRA HUTTON-WILSON,
Priory Cottage,
Church View, Evercreech, Somerset.
November 12.

Millennium dome

From Lord Birkett

Sir, Lady Panufnik's admirable letter (November 8) should remind the Millennium Commission that what it should celebrate is not the end of the last thousand years but the start of the next.

It would be salutary if no project were approved that did not stand a good chance of surviving at least the 21st century. It would be even more salutary if every project were to convey some lasting benefit on the inhabitants of these islands.

Yours faithfully,
BIRKETT,
House of Lords.
November 8.

From the Chief Executive of the Millennium Exhibition

Sir, Lady Panufnik should rest easy. Money spent on the Millennium Exhibition will not be squandered as she appears to think. The £350 million investment in the Millennium Exhibition will lead to the regeneration of a deprived area of London. At least 5,000 jobs will be created to run the exhibition; the extension of the Jubilee Line will bring much-needed and improved public transport infrastructure to the area; and a currently derelict and contaminated gasworks site will be permanently transformed with landscaped gardens, park and river walk.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY HARTOP,
Chief Executive,
The Millennium Exhibition,
120 Old Broad Street, EC2.
November 8.

Blind justice?

From Mrs Sharon Pache

Sir, It is a far from comforting irony that the taxpayer will be responsible, at huge expense, for Mr Ali Noor's "accommodation" for the next 18 years, following his conviction for rape after he was granted asylum in this country (letter, November 8), while at the same time we are prepared to deport back Mr Jay Khadka to Nepal. Mr Khadka has been brought up and educated at no cost to the State in a caring, loving family (report, November 8).

This family will now be torn apart, or alternatively leave the country together, thus depriving us of law-abiding, tax-paying individuals, probably with much besides to offer society.

My heart goes out to Jay Khadka and Richard Morley.

Yours faithfully,
SHARON PACHE,
Adant House, Waltham Road,
Terling, Chelmsford, Essex.
November 8.

Terminal cares

From Mr Quentin Purdy

Sir, You report Canon Jane Sinclair of Sheffield Cathedral ("Flock told to design their own funerals", November 7) as saying "it was relatively easy and helpful if people planned their funeral before they died".

Pray tell me, is there any other way?

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN PURDY,
2 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.
November 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Mrs Mkapa were received by Her Majesty.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Queen, Patron, and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Royal Film Performance of "True Blue" in aid of the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, London WC2.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the Grenadier Guards Regimental Council at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Colonel of the Grenadier Guards, this evening attended a Reception at Wellington Barracks, London SW1.

The Queen was represented by the Earl of Courtown (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Sir Reginald Pullen (Deputy High Bailiff, Westminster Abbey) which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Rear Admiral Kenneth Snow.

The Duke of York was represented by Mr David Thompson.

The Princess Royal was represented by the Countess of Lichfield.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Lady Aird.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier.

Lady Dugdale has succeeded the *Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to* The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Place.

His Royal Highness, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Concert and Dinner at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 12: The Princess Royal this morning opened Notley Green Community Centre, Braintree, and was *received by Her Majesty's* Lord-Lieutenant of Essex (the Lord Braybrooke).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the Fund's shop at 16 High Street, Brentwood, and was received by Mr John Norris (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Essex).

The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon visited Basildon Carers Centre, 55 Southern Hay, Basildon, and was received by Mr Brian Edwards (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, later visited Thurrock Citizens Advice Bureau, 1 New Road, Grays, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Staff Reception at CIBC Wood Gundy, Cottons Lane, London SE1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Development Trust (for the Mentally Handicapped), afterwards attended a *Dinner at 2 Wilton Terrace, London* SW1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 12: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the Hydrometeorological Service, Tashkent, and attended a presentation on the Aral Sea problem.

His Royal Highness later called on the Mufti of Uzbekistan and visited the Islamic Library at the Tellya Sheikh Mosque.

The Prince of Wales afterwards attended a Reception at the British Embassy and formally opened the Embassy offices.

This afternoon His Royal Highness visited the Emir of Timur Museum.

The Prince of Wales later opened the British Council Information Centre and attended a Reception.

His Royal Highness this evening departed Tashkent and returned to Royal Air Force Lyneham.

Mr Stephen Lamport, Lieutenant Commander John Lavery RN and Mr Mark Bolland were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today *visited Crewe and* was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire (Mr William Bromley Davenport).

Her Royal Highness reopened the refurbished Lyceum Theatre.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon subsequently attended a Civic Luncheon in the Municipal Buildings.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Factory of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars in Pyms Lane.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 12: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patreon, Clerkenwell *Music Series 1996, was present this* evening at a performance of *Hamlet* at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and subsequently attended a Dinner at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London EC1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 12: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited the Scott-Hay Gallery at Messrs Reid and Taylor, William Street, Langholm, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dumfries and Galloway (Captain Ronald Cunningham-Jarding).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Lochmaben Community Hospital, Lochmaben, Lockerbie, and later visited Gates Rubber Company Limited, Edinburgh Road, Dumfries, Dumfries and Galloway.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 12: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the Women's and Children's Wing of Lewisham Hospital, London SE13, and was received by Lieutentant Colonel Conrad Graham (Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: St Augustine of Hippo, Tagaste, Numidia (modern Tunisia), 354; King Edward III, reigned 1327-77, Windsor, 1312; *Maurice* of Nassau, Prince of Orange, military leader, Dillenberg, Germany, 1567; William Shenstone, poet and landscape gardener, Halesowen, Worcestershire, 1714; Sir John Moore, general, Glasgow, 1761; Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist, Edinburgh, 1850.

DEATHS: Nell Gwyn, actress and mistress of King Charles II, London, 1687; Gioacchino Rossini, composer, Passy, France, 1868; Camille Pissarro, painter, Paris, 1903; Francis Thompson, poet, London 1907; Vittorio de Sica, film director, Paris, 1974.

The telegraphic service between London and Paris began operating, 1851.

General Charles de Gaulle was elected President of the French Provisional Government, 1945.

Memorial services

Sir Reginald Pullen

The Queen was represented by the *Earl of Courtown and the Duke* of Edinburgh by Rear-Admiral Kenneth Snow, Receiver-General, Westminster Abbey, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Reginald Pullen, former Receiver-General, Westminster Abbey, and Clerk to the Trustees, United Westminster Almshouses. The Duke of York was represented by Mr David Thompson, the Princess Royal by the Countess of Lichfield, Princess Margaret by Lady Aird and Princess Alexandra by Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Barry Fenton, Precentor, the Right Rev Edward Knapp-Fisher, who led the prayers, and the Rev John Robson, Chaplain of the Royal Victorian Order and Chaplain of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, who said the *Royal Victorian Prayer*. The Rev Ralph Godsall, Vicar of St Stephen with St John, Rochester Row, read the lesson and Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. The Right Rev Dr John Austin Baker gave an address.

The Rev Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain and Sacrist, the Rev Dr Edward Carpenter, the Very Rev Trevor Beeson, the Very Rev David Edwards, Canon Charles Taylor, the Rev Roger Job, Canon Anthony Harvey, Canon Donald Gray, Canon Colin Semper and Canon David Hutt were robed and seated in the Sacrarium.

Mr Stuart Holmes, Registrar, Mr Martin Neary, Organist and Master of the Cloisters, Dr Richard Mortimer, Keeper of the Muniments, Mr Clifford Hodgetts, legal secretary, Mr Gordon Rolands-Adams, Headmaster of the Choir School, Mr Richard Hall, auditor, Dr Jonathan Katz, Master of the Queen's Scholars, Mr David Summerscale, Head Master of Westminster School, and Mr Eddie Smith, Under Master, were robed and processed from the West Door to the Sacrarium.

During the service Sir Reginald's decorations and medals were carried in procession by Lord Weatherill, High Bailiff and Searcher of the Sanctuary, from the West Door to the side of the altar.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended. *Among others present were:*

Lady Pullen (widow), Mr and Mrs Patrick O'Ryan-Roeder (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Sandra Pullen (daughter), Chloe and Hannah O'Ryan-Roeder (granddaughters), Mr Gordon Pullen (brother), Mr and Mrs Tony Holyoak, Mr Paul Holyoak, Mr Bill Haverley.

Phillippa Viscountess Astor, the Right Rev and Mrs John Baker, Mrs Edward Knapp-Fisher, Lord Catto, Lady Trend (chairman of the United Westminster Almshouses), Lady Norton, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Mrs Enoch Powell, Lady Elizabeth Hornsby, the Hon Nicholas Assheton, the Hon Diana Makgill, Lieutenant-General Sir James and Lady Baird, Sir John Titman (Wax Chandlers' Company), Sir Hugh Cubitt, Sir Alan Dawtry, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher and Lady Foxley-Norris, Dame Marion Kettlewell, Lady Laws, *Lady McGregor, Lady Milner-Barry*, Lady Norman, the Rev Sir Derek Pattinson, Lady Penn, Lady Pirie, Sir John and Lady Read, Lieutenant-General Sir Alan and Lady Reay, Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, Sir John Smith, CH, Lady Staughton, Sir Godfrey Taylor, Sir Paul and Lady Wright, Mr Anthony and Dame Simone Prendergast, Mrs Michael Wall.

Mr Matthew Arnoldi, Professor Norman Ashton, FRS, Councillor David Avery, *Mrs Diana Barnard Smith, Group* Captain and Mrs David Bolton, Mr Donald Bompas, Miss Meriel Brown, Mrs Donald Buttress, Mr and Mrs Ian Campbell, Dr and Mrs David Carey, Mrs Edward Carpenter, Miss Pamela Carrington, Mr Paul Carpenter, Mrs D Clark, Mr and Mrs Peter Cornish, Mr and Mrs Tony Cutler, Mr M E Duckham, Mr Donald du Parc Braham, Canon and Mrs G Dunstan, Mrs Jane Fielden, Mr and Mrs Robert Flach.

Mrs Nancy Forrester, Mr and Mrs Rodney Galpin, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Gay, Mr and Mrs Richard Gentry, Mr and Mrs Wilford Gibson, Mrs Ralph Godsall, Mr and Mrs Rodney Gould, the Rev A.H. Grainge, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Edward Gueritz, Mr Brian Hanson, Miss Olive Harley, Councillor David Harley, Mr Nigel Harris, Mr John Harrison, Councillor D. Harvey, Mr John Haslam, *Mr Michael Hawgood, Mr and Mrs G E* Hawgood, Mr and Mrs G E Hayward, Mrs Clifford Hodgetts, Mr and Mrs A C Gecklond.

Mr and Mrs Stanley Holmes, Mr and Mrs Philip Hoegart, Miss Barbara Hunt, Canon Eric James, Mrs Maureen Jupp, Ms R Kibel, Miss Ann Killick, Mrs Austen Kopley, Sr, Mr Austen Kopley, Mr Simon Laws, Ms M Loughlin, Miss D M P Malley, Dr H Manuel, Mrs Michael Mayne, Mrs *John Mendelssohn*, Squadron Leader and Mrs Ray Mills, Miss Dolores Monreal, Mr and Mrs George Moore, Miss Elizabeth Murray, Mrs Martin Neary, Mrs Cyril Nemeth, Mrs Enid Nixon, Mrs R B Osborne.

Captain Peter Parry, Mrs Dee Pascoe, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Payne, Mr Bruce Peardon, Mr Tony Plan, *Mr* John Povey, Mr and Mrs Charles Powell, Dr and Mrs John Rae, Dr N A Regan, Miss Christine Reynolds, Mr and Mrs James *Robertson, Mrs Colin Semper, Mr* Rodney Scrase, Mrs Louisa Service, Mrs Rennie Simpson, Mrs Kenneth Snow, Mr John Soane, Miss Emma St John Smith, Mr John C H Strachan.

The Clerk of the Fishmongers' Company, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the South Westminster Bench (Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court), Sheltered Residents and staff of United Westminster Almshouses with members of Kent House Residential Care Home, Major-General Anthony Leask and Mrs Heather Greves (The Almshouses Association), Abbey Bellringers and Age Concern Westminster and Mr Brian Smith (representing the Trustees of Hammersmith United Charities).

Afterwards, Sir Reginald's ashes were interred in the North Cloister by the Dean.

Mr Peter Dobereiner

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Peter Dobereiner, former golf writer of *The Observer*, author and golf course designer, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr *Mark Wilson, Consultant to the* Executive Director of the European Tour, and Mr Bernard Gallacher read the lessons.

Miss Ruth Dobereiner, daughter, read works written by her father for *That Was the Week That Was*, and Mr Peter Corrigan, sports columnist of the *Independent on Sunday*, read from one of Mr Dobereiner's columns in *The Observer*. Mr Hugh McIlvanney, chief sports writer, *The Sunday Times*, gave an address.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will give a luncheon for the President of Latvia at 1.15.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow, will present the Institute of Materials' ninth Prince Philip Award at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; as patron and Twelfth Man, will present the Lord's Taverners Trophy at Buckingham Palace at noon and will attend a luncheon of the Institute of Materials at 1 Carlton House Terrace at 12.45. Later, as president, he will chair a meeting of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at Buckingham Palace at 3.30; and attend a gala evening for Arts for Nature at the Britten Theatre, Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, London, SW7, at 7.40.

Prince Edward will attend a performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Lyceum, Strand, at 7.40

The Princess Royal will open the new students' halls of residence provided by the Cordwainers' Company for the Cordwainers' College, Hackney, E5, at 11.30; as President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Hackney Carers Centre, 107 Lower Clapton Road, E5, at 1.35, and attend the Hackney Carers Forum at Sutton House, Homerton High Street, at 1.50; and will visit Homerton Hospital to open four developments and extensions, Homerton Row, E9, at 3.00. Later, as Chancellor of London University, will attend Foundation Day, Senate House, Malet Street, WC1, at 6.10.

Princess Margaret, as President, will attend a performance of *Prince of the Pagodas* followed by a reception and supper for the governors of the Royal Ballet, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, at 7.15.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of the British Consultants Bureau, will attend the annual meeting at One Whitehall Place at 10.55 and, later, attend the Consultants of the Year luncheon.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as patron of the Iris Fund, will attend the Trends in Ophthalmology lecture and a reception at St Thomas's Hospital, SE1, at 4.55.

Baron Paul of Marylebone, chairman of the Caparo Group, taking his seat in the House of Lords yesterday as a Labour life peer

Nominations for high sheriff

ENGLAND

(Except Cornwall, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Lancashire)

Bedfordshire — C T Lousada, Bedford; G R D Farr, Luton; C R Kilroy, Oakley.
Berkshire — Major J R T Eve, Twyford; A R Wiseman, Windsor; M J B Todhunter, Wantage.
Buckinghamshire — D J Burrell, Denham; E R Verney, Middle Claydon; The Hon Sir William McAlpine, Fawley.
Cambridgeshire — D T Ramply, Huntingdon; R B Bamford, Ely; W H Proby, Peterborough.
Cheshire — E S Tudor-Evans, Congleton; M A T Trevor-Barnston, Chester; M D A Clarke, Malpas.
City of Bristol — R A Lalonde, Clifton; E H Webber, Sneyd Park; J R Pool, Clifton.
Cumbria — J H Fryer-Spedding, Keswick; S P Pease, Kirkby Lonsdale; A I Bullough, Walton.
Derbyshire — R H A Perkins, Swadlincote; G R W Turbutt, Higham; D R Penrose, Baslow.
Devon — N F A Page-Turner, Honiton; The Lady Clinton, Heanton Satchville; S J Day, Ivybridge.
Dorset — R W Fielding, Longburton; Commander P G Gregson, Corscombe; A G Yeatman, Corfe Mullen.
Durham — M P Weston, Durham City; Sir William Gray, Eggleston; F Nicholson, Chester-le-Street.
East Riding of Yorkshire — P W J Carver, North Cave; C A Maxted, Brough; A L Marr, Beverley.
East Sussex — J Whitmore, Perryhill; The Viscountess Brentford, Wadhurst; K Millar, Wadhurst.
Essex — R F Erith, Lamarsh; R G Newman, Braintree; G R Capel-Cure, Ongar.
Gloucestershire — W G F Meath-Baker, Hasfield; W J Rykyn, Cirencester; The Hon M W Vestey, Andoversford.
Greater London — W R Harrison, London *SW3; J P Gough, London SW1*; R J L Bramble, London SW1.
Hampshire — Mrs L G Fox, Cheriton; *J J L* G Sheffield, Whitchurch; V A L Powell, Headbourne Worthy.
Hereford and Worcester — M E Howard, Little Witley; Mrs R J Dawes, Birtsmorton Court; S W B Dereham, Woolhope.
Hertfordshire — R Walduck, Hatfield; The Hon R O Pleydell-Bouverie, Peters Green; Capt N Hadden-Paton, Berkhamsted.
Isle of Wight — R L Bradbeer, Cowes; D C *Biles, Northwood; S H G Twining, St* Lawrence.
Kent — E R P Boorman, Wateringbury; J P Merricks, Rye; J B Sunley, Sandwich Bay.
Leicestershire — D C Samworth, Melton Mowbray; I M McAlpine, Peatling Parva; Mrs A G Wilson, Gaulby.
Lincolnshire — Lady Bruce-Gardyne, Aswardby; G O Hutchison, Welby; *F J F M* Dymoke, Horncastle.
Norfolk — Lady Evans-Lombe, Norwich; A E Buxton, Norwich; N W D Foster, Kings Lynn.
Northamptonshire — A R Heygate, Bugbrooke; Mrs F M Shepherd-Cross, Greens Norton; D Reynolds, Weekley.
Northumberland — A G P Ramsay, Corbridge; C A F Baker-Cresswell, Bamburgh; Mrs E M Fairbairn, Hallington.
North Yorkshire — A G S Chisenhale-Marsh, Mickley; Lady Clarissa Collin, Pockley; A V Hudson, Hampsthwaite.
Nottinghamshire — H P Matheson, Newark; *Mrs J M Farr, Epperstone*; A M Nall, Hockerton.
Oxfordshire — Lady French, Ipsden; R Ovey, Rotherfield Greys; A Fellden, Minster Lovell.
Rutland — D B Owen, Teigh; Mrs L L Taylor, Ashwell; Mrs W M L Goldring, Preston.
Shropshire — The Lady Forester, Broseley; L C N Bury, Craven Arms; J R B Lovegrove-Fielden, Pontesford.
Somerset — R S R Sheldon, Shepton Mallet; *Mrs M E B Beckett, Minehead*; M H F Morley, Bath.
South Yorkshire — M J Mallett, Sheffield; Mrs K E Riddle, Sheffield; D B Shaw, Sheffield.
Staffordshire — G R Tams, Stafford; A E R Manners, Bradley; D B D Johnson, Stafford.
Suffolk — J M Paul, Ipswich; The Hon P V Fisher, Bury St Edmunds; Colonel D H C G Lennox, Great Saxham.
Surrey — J D M Robertson, Sunbury-on-*Thames; R H S Stilgoe, Oxted; P R Nutting*, Ewhurst.
Tyne and Wear — Mrs S M Murray, Whitley Bay; J S Ward, Whitburn; M Bird, Gosforth.
Warwickshire — The Hon Lady Butler, Lighthorne; D J Barnes, Claverdon; M C Fetherston-Dilke, Coleshill.
West Midlands — E M Worley, Edgbaston; W G K Carter, Droitwich; R S Burman, Inkberrow.
West Sussex — Colonel Sir Brian De Stopham Barttelot, Pulborough; B S L *Trafford, Rudgwick*; Mrs J Buckland, Lyminster.
West Yorkshire — F T B Jowitt, Littlethorpe; J J E Brennan, Rawdon; P A H Hartley, Leeds.
Wiltshire — J B Bush, Heywood; Lady Hawley, Devizes; P J Miles, Chippenham.

WALES

Clwyd — Colonel Sir Charles Lowther, Wrexham; Colonel H M E Cadogan, Ruthin; D E Williams, St Asaph.
Dyfed — *Commander H C Lloyd-Williams*, Ceredigion; J S Allen-Mirehouse, Angle; J M G Andrews, Llandeilo.
Gwent — A M Kerr, Llanfair Kilgeddin; R L Dean, Tredunnock; Mrs J C Johnson, Llanvihangel.
Gwynedd — Mrs E W Jones, *Llandecwyn*; Professor E Sunderland, Bangor; W D I Edwards, Angelsey.
Mid Glamorgan — R W Martin, Llangewydd; A R Lewis, Llantrisant; D H Thomas, Bridgend.
Powys — The Hon Mrs R H P Price, Llanbedr; J T K Trevor, Welshpool; J G Coltman-Rogers, Knighton.
South Glamorgan — J W Phillips, Ystradowen; Mrs V M Pollard, Penarth; D M Jones, Cowbridge.
West Glamorgan — P J Hodges, Swansea; R H Lloyd-Griffiths, Swansea; A D Morris, Swansea.

Dinner

Lord Richard, QC

Lord Richard, QC, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Old Cheltonian London Committee held on October 30 at the House of Lords. Mr Michael Jopling, MP, gave the vote of thanks. Mr Anthony Marangos, Old Cheltonian London Representative, and Mrs Marangos, Mr Peter Brettell, President of the Cheltonian *Society, and Mrs Brettell*, Mr John Lawrence, Member of Cheltenham College Council, and Mrs Lawrence, and Mr David George, Senior Common Room Representative, were among the 110 guests.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr G.W.H. Abbott
and Miss A.P. Carter**

The engagement is announced between Gary William Henry, son of Mr and Mrs P.M. Abbott, of Llangorse, Powys, and Annabelle Petria, *younger* daughter of Mr P.M. and Lady Frances Carter, of Midgham, Berkshire.

**Mr J.C.R. Baker
and Miss M.M. Norton**

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr Richard Baker, of Crich, Derbyshire, and Mrs Sonia Baker, of Hoar Cross, Staffordshire, and Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Norton, of Thurles, Co Tipperary.

**Mr S.W.F. Brookes
and Miss S.L. Edwards**

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Richard Brookes and the late Mrs Sally Brookes, of Tenterden, Kent, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Edwards, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

**Mr P.J. Carr
and Miss C.R. Morton**

The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Carr, of Chobham, Surrey, and Camilla, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Peter Morton, of West Wittering, West Sussex.

**Mr R. Costain
and Miss A. Ross**

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Peter J. Costain, of Tenterden, Kent, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sinclair A. Ross, of Stirling.

**Mr J.D.C. Grepne
and Miss P.C. Francis**

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Daniel Grepne, of Mapledurham, near Reading, Berkshire, and Penny, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Francis, of Ludlow, Shropshire.

**The Hon Christopher Knollys
and Miss S. Gwynne**

The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of Viscount and Viscountess Knollys, and Sarah, elder daughter of the late Mr E.St.J. Gwynne and of Mrs W.R. Merton, and stepdaughter of *Mr W.R.* Merton.

**Mr J. Le M. Lawrence
and Miss P.M. Kent**

The engagement is announced between James Le Marchant, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Le Marchant Lawrence, of Cobham, Surrey, and Phoebe Moffat, daughter of Mr *David* Kent and the Hon Mrs Julian Byng, of Chelsea, London.

**Mr T.T. Lindsay
and Miss C.S. Adams**

The engagement is announced between Tim, eldest son of Mr David Lindsay and the late Mrs Joan Lindsay, of Patrixbourne, Kent, and Caroline Sarah, younger daughter of Mr William Adams, of Aldwick, West Sussex, and Mrs Joanna Adams, of Chichester, West Sussex.

**Mr J.R. Marriott
and Miss S.J. Cooper**

The engagement is announced between Jack, elder son of Commander and Mrs John Marriott, of Inkpen, Berkshire, and Suzanne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Cooper, of Sudbury, Suffolk.

**Mr M.C. Pettman
and Miss K.Z.V. Notley**

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Pettman, of Withyham, East Sussex, and Zoe, daughter of Major General and Mrs Roland Notley, of Wringsland House, Peanymoor, Devon.

**Mr I.P. Shephard
and Miss P.C.T. Saywell**

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Shephard, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, and Polly, daughter of Mr and Mrs Telfer Saywell, of Kew Gardens, Surrey.

**Mr E.J.M. Spurrier
and Miss L.A. Murray**

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Nick Spurrier, of Marston on Dove, Derbyshire, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Chips Murray, of Aldborough, North Yorkshire.

**Mr E.J.T. Taylor
and Miss E-J. Innes**

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Tim Taylor, of Goudhurst, Kent, and Emily-Jane, daughter *of Major and Mrs Colin Innes*, of Dunbog, Fife.

Birthdays today

Sir Ewart Bell, civil servant, 72; the Most Rev George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, 61; Sir John Coles, diplomat, 59; Miss Whoopi Goldberg, actress, 41; Sir Lincoln Hallinan, barrister and magistrate, 74; Sir Anthony Jacobs, former chairman, BSM, 65; the Rev Patricia Johns, former headmistress, St Mary's School, Wantage, 63; Mr Kenneth Kemp, former chairman, Smith and Nephew, 75; Miss Joan Lestor, MP, 65; Major-General J.D. Lunt, 79; Mr John B. McGuckian, chairman, Ulster Television, 57; Dr Basil Morson, clinical pathologist, 75; Admiral *Sir William O'Brien*, 80; Miss Alexandra Shulman, Editor, British *Vogue*, 39; Sir Donald Thompson, MP, 65.

Glovers' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Glovers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Michael Down; Renter Warden, Mr Manny Silverman; First Under Warden, Mr Malcolm Penney; Second Under Warden, Mrs Margaret Linton; Third Under Warden, Mr James Clarke.

Luncheon

HM Government

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of the Finnish-British Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich

Rear-Admiral Sir Robert Woodard was the principal guest at a dinner of the Royal Naval College Greenwich held last night at the college to mark the Battle of Taranto. Commander R.N. Wain, Royal Naval Staff College, presided.

The King's Royal Hussars

The Regimental Dinner of The King's Royal Hussars was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major General J.P.W. Friedberger, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

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ANTON - On November 7th 1996, to Louise (née Tams) and Rupert, a son, Edward Sebastian Peter.

BOYS-STONES - On 9th November 1996 at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Camilla (née Douglas) and Richard, a son, William Claude.

BRAKA - On November 10th, to Camilla (née Davidson) and Ivor, a son, Joseph Duncan.

DAVIDGE - On November 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Kate and Neil, a son, Conor Jon.

FLOWER - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Maureen and Jonathan, a beautiful daughter, Chelsea, a sister for Alex and Sam.

JARRETT - To Susanna (née Morrison) and Philip, a daughter, Polly Freya, on 4th November 1996.

LLOYD - On November 11th, to Wilhelmina (née Schut) and Tim, a son, Sebastian George Butler, a brother for Daphne.

MAGONA - On November 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Adama and Alex, a daughter, Feimoh Khadija.

MARTIN SMITH - On 4th November, to Sally Anne and Jonathan, a son, Julian.

MAVROLEON - On October 31st at The Portland Hospital, to Carine and Basil, a beautiful daughter, Alexia, a sister for Nicolas.

PODMORE - On 8th November 1996, to Susannah (née Barnett) and Malcolm, a daughter, Arabella Susannah, a sister for Freddie.

REED - On Sunday November 10th at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Rachel (née Oxley) and Christopher, a son, Stephen Peel William.

ROBSON - On 7th November 1996 in Johannesburg, to Caroline (née Rhodes) and James, twin daughters, Rebecca Mary Rhodes and Katherine Helen Harcombe.

TAYLOR - To Belinda (née Bainbridge) and Jeremy, on 28th October 1996, another fine son, Oliver James, a brother for Charles, Richard and Thomas.

THACKRAY - On 24th September 1996 at Royal Hampshire County Hospital, to *Louise (née Agg) and Neil*, a son, Maximilian Varley.

DEATHS

AYLESTONE - The Lady (Vicki) of Goring-by-Sea passed *away bravely* on 9th November 1996. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Tuesday, 19th November at Worthing Crematorium. No flowers by request but if desired donations to St Barnabas Hospice, c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex. Tel: (01903) 234516.

BARLOW - Joyce (née Everiss) died suddenly in Leominster, Herefordshire, on 5th November. Wife of the late novelist James Barlow. Will be much missed by children Gillian, Stephen, Michael and Richard. Funeral Service will be held at Leominster Priory Church on November 15th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers. Donations to St Mungo's Community Trust c/o R.W. Mann & Son, 51 West Street, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 8EP, tel: (01568) 612358.

BENDON - Of Glandore, Co. Cork. On November 11th 1996, peacefully at home Dominic, after a long illness. Sadly missed by his parents, brothers, sister, relatives and friends.

FARQUHAR - Jean, died 11th November 1996. Dearly loved mother of Dorothea.

FIELD - Kingsley, died peacefully in hospital on November 9th aged 87. Uncle of Christopher and great-uncle of Rachel and Julian. Remembered with love and affection by his family and all his many friends. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Woldingham on Monday 18th November at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, in his memory, to The Woodlands Trust, Dysart Road, Grantham, Lincs. NG31 6LL.

FITZGERALD - Madelaine Elizabeth peacefully on November 9th after a sudden illness, dearly loved by Rodney, sister of Yvonne and Peter. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Funeral private, but a Service of Thanksgiving will be held on December 5th at 3 pm at St Lawrence Jewry, next Guildhall. Donations to The Lord Mayor's Charity - The Cancer Research Campaign, Mansion House, EC4 will be appreciated.

FLETCHER - On 11th November 1996 Lieut. Cmdr. Patrick Fletcher, D.S.C., O. St. J., RN (Retd.). Beloved Husband of Jean, father of Timothy, Erica, Philip and Stella. Grandfather of Abigail, Bryony, Christian, Daniele, Christopher, David, Nicholas and Laura. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 19th November. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RNLI (Wargrave Branch) c/o A. Barker Esq, Wyatts Cottage, Church Street, Wargrave, Reading, Berks.

FOGARTY - Kathleen M, M.B.E. (aunt Kit), on November 11th 1996 peacefully at St Paul's Home Dooradoyle Limerick, retired Matron of Whipps Cross Hospital London, and formerly of Killoran Moyne Thurles, Co. Tipperary. Deeply regretted by her nephews, nieces, grand-nephew, grand-nieces, great-grandnephew and great-grandnieces, relatives and friends. R.I.P.

FOWLER - Professor Peter *Howard* FRS, *on November* 8th suddenly but peacefully at home in Bristol. Much loved husband of Rosemary, father of Mary, Anne and Susan and his five grandchildren. Private service on Saturday 16th November with Thanksgiving Service to follow in the new year - details from University Information Office (0117) 928 7777. No flowers but donations if desired to The Guild of Friends of the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

GILL - George Cyril Ian of Cambridge, was called to be with the Lord Jesus Christ, on Saturday 9th November 1996 aged 85. Funeral Service will be held at Queen Edith Chapel on Friday 22nd November at 1.40 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to "Queen Edith Chapel", c/o Weyman Funeral Service, 26 Abbey Walk, Cambridge.

HALL - Joan Marie Edwina on 6th November after a short illness. Much loved mother of Jo and Virginia (Doone), grandmother of Toby, Henry and Ella. No flowers. No letters please.

HISCOCKS - Dr. Henry Frederick O.B.E., peacefully at home on 11th November in his 95th year. Husband of Sybil and father of Hilary, Priscilla, Robin, Annabel and Ted; and grandfather of Sophie, Ben, Nicholas and Sarah. Private funeral followed by memorial service at 12.30 pm on Friday 22nd November at St Andrew's Church, Hatfield Peverel, Essex. No flowers but any donations to St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, 14 Fitzroy Square, London W1P 6AH.

HOOPER - Rosemary Anne (née Oakden) passed away peacefully after a short illness on 7th November 1996 aged 68 years. Beloved wife of Dr. Roy Hooper, adored mother of Anne, Angela, Sheila and Clare and a much loved mother-in-law and granny. Service at All Saints Church, Four Oaks, on Tuesday 19th November at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium at 2.30pm. Flowers welcome to Ian Hazel Funerals, 5 Belwell Lane, Sutton Coldfield.

JEFFERSON - On November 8th 1996 aged 95 peacefully at Norton Priory, John Jefferson, former County Planning Officer of West Sussex and Past President of the Royal Town Planning Institute. Father of Peter, David, Colin and Richard. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Paul's Church, Chichester, on Tuesday 3rd December at 12 noon. No flowers but donations if desired to the RNLI.

KIMBER - Alan Vaughan (Kim) died November 7th. Funeral Peasmarsh Church Monday 18th November 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations Rye Hospital & Peasmarsh Church c/o "Peasmarsh PCC (Kim)", Rectory, School Lane, *Peasmarsh, Rye*, Sussex TN31 6UW. Enquiries (01797) 230255.

LISTER - On November 8th at home, Emily (née Bellows), beloved wife of Cliff and dear mother of Clifford and loved grandmother of Alexander James and Anna Emily. *Funeral November* 15th at 2 pm at St Michael and All Angels, Shalbourne, Wilts.

LYNE - Norman, died on 11th November 1996 aged 92 years. Funeral St Mabyn Parish Church Monday November 18th 11 am followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations to St Mabyn Parish Church.

MACKINTOSH - Ashley Charles OBE TD, suddenly at home on 8th November, much loved father of Elizabeth, *sadly missed by his family* and many friends. Service of Thanksgiving at Trinity United Reformed Church on Monday November 18th at 1.45pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, suggested donations to Trinity United Reformed *Church or Marie Curie* Cancer Care c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 2PE.

MEEK - Geoffrey, on 11th November aged 69. Truly beloved husband of Daphne and treasured father of James and Laura. The funeral will take place at York Crematorium on Friday 15th November at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to F.E. Jackson (01904) 797575.

NEWMAN - Peacefully at Fleet, Hampshire, Isobel, eldest daughter of the late Flora and Ronald Newman, beloved sister of Elsa and Barbara, she will be sadly missed. Service at Aldershot Crematorium November 22nd at 12.30 pm. Flowers or enquiries to E. Finch & Sons, 123 High Street, Aldershot, *tel: (01252) 22281.*

OLIPHANT - Sister Iona C.S.J.D. Iona Diosma Christian (DI), Sister of the Community of St John the Divine on 10th November aged 76, peacefully after a long illness. Dearly loved sister of Hugh and Julia. Requiem Mass on Monday 18th November 1 pm in the Community Chapel of St John the Divine, 652 Alum Rock Road, Birmingham, followed by cremation. No flowers please. Donations to Community of St John the Divine.

PARSONS - Kathleen Mary "Kay" (née Marsh), wife of the late Michael Parsons, passed away peacefully at the Nuffield Hospital, Oxford, on November 8th 1996 aged 71 years. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on Monday November 18th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o Jerrams Brothers, 108 Oxford Street, Woodstock, Oxford, OX20 1TX, tel: (01993) 811491.

PATON-SMITH - Norman. Suddenly in hospital on Saturday, 9th November, aged 84. Dearly loved husband of Sheila, father of Bill and Jonathan and grandfather of Ben, Harry, Samantha, Tom and Olivia. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at the Church of the Holy Cross, Felsted, Essex at 2.15 pm Monday, November 18th. Flowers may be sent to G. Collins & Sons, White Notley, Essex CM8 1RH.

PEARSON - Brian, sadly missed Ewart.

POULTER - On Remembrance Day 1996, Molly at Woodlands, Fleet, shortly before her 94th year. Much loved and greatly missed mother and granny to Annabel and Weasel. Funeral at All Saints Church, Fleet, at 10.30 am Tuesday 19th November followed by private cremation. If wished, flowers to A & W Goddards, Kent Road, Fleet, Hampshire GU13 9AH.

RADICE - Edward Albert (Teddy), suddenly, following a stroke on November 8th, at the age of 89. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. At his request there will be no ceremony, but a memorial meeting will be arranged at St Antony's College, Oxford.

RAWLING - Thomas (Tom) of Kidlington, died aged 80 in hospital November 10th 1996. Funeral 3.30 pm St Mary's Church, Kidlington, Oxford, Monday 18th November 1996. No flowers. Donations to Oxfam or Churchill Hospital Cancer Fund.

RYAN - Wilfrid Sims on 9th November 1996 of Bwlch-Tocyn, Abersoch, Gwynedd, North Wales. Private funeral but donations received towards Alaw Ward, Ysbyty, Gwynedd. Enquiries to J. Derek Jones Funeral Director, Cedrwydd, Abersoch, (01758) 712881.

SARGENT - Frank Henry Marshall LLB peacefully at home on 11th November, three days before his 84th birthday and a month after his Diamond Wedding. Much loved husband of Kathleen and a devoted and dearly loved father, father-in-law, and grandfather. Private cremation on Friday 15th November followed by thanksgiving service at Ilmington Parish Church, South Warwickshire at 2.15pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Shipston Home Care, 47 New Street, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire CV36 4EW.

SLATER - In Berkhamsted on 10th November 1996 in her 101st year Ivy (Johnnie) Slater, much loved widow of Jock and mother of John, formerly of Uttoxeter. Funeral Service at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Monday 18th November at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Barnardos. All enquiries and donations c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, tel: (01442) 864548.

SOMERVILLE-MEIKLE - On November 9th suddenly but peacefully at home, John Malcolm aged 59. Loved and loving husband of Irene and the late Muriel, dear father of Ruth, Alison, James and Fiona, and beloved grandfather. Second Master Eltham College (1975-1996). Funeral at the Church of the Resurrection, Kirkdale, SE26, Tuesday *19th November 2 pm.* Donations in lieu of flowers to Eltham College (John Somerville-Meikle Fund), Grove Park Road, SE9 4QF.

SUMMNER - Emily Grace of Dovercourt, peacefully aged 88 on 9th November. Beloved sister of Aurea and Stella and sister-in-law of Winifred. Funeral at All Saints Church, Dovercourt, Essex, at 11 am Friday 15th November. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to *NSPCC.*

TOBIN - John Sylvester, B.A. (Catholic Priest). Aged 81, in the 58th year of his priesthood, peacefully at Farnborough Hospital, Fortified by the Rites of the Church, on 11th November, 1996. Requiem Mass on Wednesday, 20th November at 12 noon in the Convent Chapel of the Daughters of Mary and Joseph, Layhams Road, West Wickham, Kent, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request. *Mass cards to the* Funeral Directors, Messrs J & R Killick Ltd., 112 High Street, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 0ND, (0181) 777-4502.

VAUGON - Peter Charles Nigel of Harston, Cambridge, peacefully at home on 11th of November 1996, aged 58. Beloved husband of Jan, dearly loved father of Sarah, Katharine, Rebecca and Hannah and grandfather of Georgia. Father-in-law to Richard and Jonathan. Funeral Service at All Saints' Church, Harston on Monday 18th of November at 1.45pm followed by family cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to local charities c/o Dennis Owen, 141 High Street, Harston, Cambridge, CB2 5QD. Memorial Service to be held at Robinson College, Cambridge on Wednesday 15th of January 1997 at 1pm.

WARD - Paul the mad chef of Broadstairs, ex RAF. Chief TBC (Valley and Malaysia). Enquiries to H. Noble Funeral Directors, tel: (01843) 862503.

WOTHERSPOON - On November 10th Mary Beryl, wife of the late Robert Wotherspoon, at the home of her friend, after a short illness aged 80. She will be sadly missed by her children Tricia and Ian, her grandchildren and great-grandchild and all her many friends. Private cremation. Memorial Service at St Radegund's Church, Scruton, on Monday December 9th at 12 noon. No flowers but donations if desired to Hospice Home Care c/o Mabel Wilbor, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

BROWNE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ursula Browne will be held at Empshott, Hampshire, on Friday 22nd November 1996 at 3.30 pm.

HUGHES DAVIES - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colin Hughes Davies will be held at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Cardiff, on Monday 2nd December at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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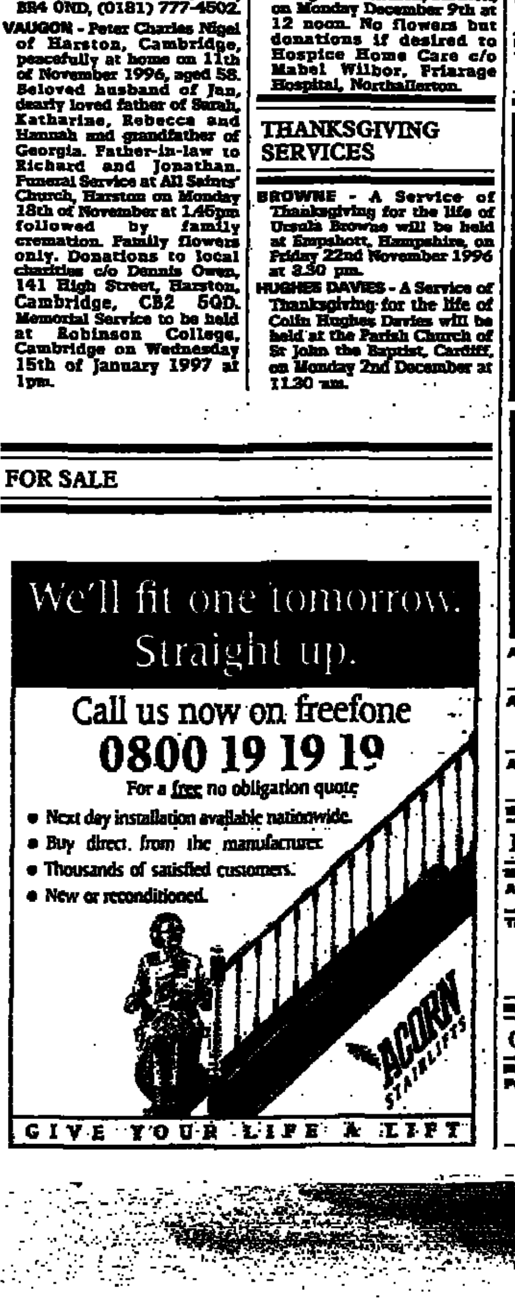

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OBITUARIES

TIM GIDAL

Tim Gidal, Israeli photographer, died in Jerusalem on October 6 aged 87. He was born in Munich on May 18, 1909.

Tim Gidal's work as a photographer reached its apogee in the massive visual history *The Jews in Germany from Roman Times to the Weimar Republic* which was published in Munich in 1988. It summed up a creative life which had begun in his native Munich, continued in Britain after 1933, and took him to Israel where he finally settled and was naturalised. En route, he spent periods in Switzerland and in the United States, of which he was also a citizen.

Besides his documentary records, he was also a pioneer of modern photojournalism — though he preferred to use the term photoreportage, implying the primacy of the visual image over words as the conveyor of the message. He had begun his life as a photographer on magazines in Munich and Berlin in the last days of the Weimar Republic. Fleeing from Hitler to Britain, he worked for a while for Stefan Lorant's *Picture Post* and later captured the action of the Second World War as a photographer with the British 8th and 14th Armies in North Africa and Burma.

Nahum Ignaz Gidalewitsch was the child of Russian Jewish parents who had settled in Munich. From 1928 he studied the history of art, economics and international law at Munich and Berlin universities. During this time he had also begun to contribute photo stories to *Münchner Illustrierte*, *Berliner Illustrierte* and *Die Woche*.

The photographs which were subsequently to form the basis for the exhibition *Memories of Jewish Poland, 1932*, were taken during this period. They depict the Jewish community of Oswiecim (Auschwitz), a theme all the more haunting from the subsequent history of the place. In these pictures, portraits of the Orthodox Jews on the misty twilit walk to the synagogue alternate with the long shadows cast by the lines of Zionist pioneers.

This was to be one of his last photographic essays in prewar Middle Europe. When Hitler came to power, Gidal left Germany but continued his studies at Basle University where he took his doctorate with a thesis on *Bildberichterstattung und Presse* (Picture Reporting and the Press), a novel subject in universities in those far-off days before "media studies" became a vogue.

In 1936 Gidal went to Palestine and for the next two years worked there, freelancing for British and American magazines. In 1938 he came to London where, until 1940, he worked for *Picture Post*. His photographic work for the magazine was of immense variety. He went to India and recorded village life and the impact of Mahatma Gandhi on the nation's consciousness. Gandhi, half naked before a microphone, admonishing a rapt audience, is one of his most striking images.

But he also, and with equal penetration, affectionately recorded the British at home: on the streets of London and in provincial cities. He had a particular feeling for the texture of London life. His image of the bustle of evening on a West End pavement, while newspaper billboards silently warn of impending war, is replete with the sense of an age and a society about to be swept violently away.

London 1939: Gidal captures the atmosphere of a West End street as war clouds gather

From 1942 he served on the staff of the British Army magazine *Parade* where, as chief staff reporter, he held the rank of captain. As such he roved over the whole Middle Eastern theatre of war with the 8th Army, and subsequently with Slim's 14th Army in Burma.

In these disparate theatres, with their completely different conditions, he recorded an astonishing variety of scenes, from both sides. He is able, with admirable impartiality, to imbue the interior of a German bunker, adorned with a crudely drawn bathing belle under which is wistfully scrawled the legend "Wenn der Urlaub kommt" ("If we ever get leave"), with a poignancy equal to any of the war scenes he recorded.

In a different vein *Burma 1944* — weary troops tramping through dust raised by the passage of armoured fighting vehicles and artillery — is one of the classic images of infantry marching up the line to battle.

After the war Gidal returned to Jerusalem, where for three years he worked as a freelance photographer. But America beckoned and claimed him for a while. In 1950 he went to New York as a consultant for *Life* magazine and stayed on there to lecture in visual communications at the New School for Social Research, from 1955 to 1958.

For another fifteen years he roamed the world as a freelance photographer and writer, publishing a score of books with his first wife Sonia. These took as their theme villages he had seen and recorded all over the world. Their sales — well over half a million altogether — gave him financial independence.

But in 1971 he decided to return permanently to Israel, taking a job as a lecturer in visual communications at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

From this point onwards he was able to stage numerous exhibitions of his work which brought together the different strands of his experience. *Tim Gidal: in the 1930s*, an Israel Museum exhibition, was seen in London, New York, Berlin and Jerusalem. *Memories of Jewish Poland, 1932* travelled from the Museum of the Diaspora, Tel Aviv, to Jerusalem and Haifa and toured to the US, Germany, Switzerland, Poland and Austria. Museums in all these countries hold collections of his work, as does the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Although he had dwelt among scenes of horror — as a Jew in Europe with the threat of Nazism impending; as a young Zionist in Palestine during the struggles of the 1930s; and as a war reporter — Gidal never lent his camera lens merely to recording sensational images. Alike amid war or in the most innocuous scenes of domesticity, he captures a sense of humanity asserting itself over harsh or even simply frustrating circumstances.

Tim Gidal is survived by his wife, Pia, and by a son from his first marriage, which ended in divorce.

BERNARD LAFFERTY

Bernard Lafferty, butler to the American heiress Doris Duke, died in Los Angeles on November 4 aged 51. He was born on April 14, 1945.

BERNARD LAFFERTY was the bibulous Irish butler who nursed the immensely wealthy Doris Duke through her last illness in 1993. Their friendship provided a fittingly bizarre postscript to the eccentric life of the much-married tobacco heiress.

An expert in the art of pleasing older women, Lafferty had arrived in the Duke household in 1987, and quickly taken the place of Chandi Heffner (her adopted daughter) as Doris Duke's confidant. He was attentive to his mistress's every whim. He spent hours every morning on her hair and make-up. He served her breakfast melon at exactly room temperature. For her part, Duke encouraged him to grow his reddish-brown hair into a pony tail and to sport a gypsy hoop in his ear. From the moment he arrived, Lafferty did his best to ensure that no one but himself could come near her.

But the main mystery centred not on how they had become so close but rather on why Duke, on her deathbed, should suddenly have revoked her old will and made a new one which named her servant co-executor of her vast estate at a salary of $500,000 a year. She also left him a lump sum of $5 million.

Lafferty had developed expensive habits while living with Duke but he had little time to indulge these in the last three years of his life. Immediately she died, Duke's will was challenged by former employees. Lafferty was painted as a man who had cajoled a heavily sedated woman into giving him control of the estate — and perhaps even hastened her end. He became a familiar sight, fidgeting uncomfortably in the courtroom while lawyers argued over abstruse points of law (an exercise which he likened to Chinese water torture). Compared to a figure from a Gothic horror film, he felt that his job title was poisoning public opinion. "The butler word they like," he said, "because it's always the butler who did it."

But no evidence of foul play was discovered. In April this year, after millions of dollars had been squandered on lawyers' fees, Lafferty relinquished his role as co-executor in exchange for a lump sum of $4.5 million and a yearly income of $500,000.

Tales of Lafferty's profligacy, drinking bouts and reliance on an alarming array of drugs had given ammunition to his foes. His version of his childhood and early life, too, seemed suspiciously sparse. Born near Creeslough in Co Donegal, he was orphaned when his parents died in separate road accidents.

Barely literate, he arrived in America in 1972 to live with an aunt. For ten years he worked in Philadelphia's Bellevue Stratford Hotel, and became friends with Elizabeth Taylor through his attentiveness towards her pets. Peggy Lee lured him away to become her butler, and passed him on to more Hollywood friends. After being dismissed by Chandi Heffner's brother-in-law for his heavy drinking, Lafferty secured the post of butler with Duke in 1987.

Until that point the Duke household had been run on lines of old-fashioned formality. But now, as the old woman became increasingly frail, she began to rely on her paid retainers as though they were family. Despite the singularity of her relationship with Lafferty, at least one Duke biographer regarded him as a genuine friend.

But the indecent haste with which he began spending his new fortune after her death did nothing to quieten the rumours. Lafferty installed a gilt throne in Duke's old room, and cruised the gay bars of Los Angeles wearing snakeskin boots, behind the wheel of a new Cadillac. The gypsy gold hoop earring was discarded for a diamond stud. However much journalists muttered about the goings-on, his Hollywood friends — indulgent of celebrity and wealth — remained loyal, and he was often to be seen about town, escorting ageing stars. His death, the cause of which was not immediately apparent, was thought to have been hastened by his fondness for the bottle.

He remained unmarried.

PROFESSOR HANS KOSTERLITZ

Hans Kosterlitz, FRS, former Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Aberdeen, died on October 26 aged 93. He was born in Berlin on April 27, 1903.

IN 1934 a young German doctor, Hans Kosterlitz, arrived in Aberdeen to study with the then Regius Professor of Physiology, J. J. R. Macleod. He was to spend the next 62 years in the granite city, but he will be remembered far beyond Aberdeen as the pharmacologist who discovered the opioid peptides, the body's own "painkillers". This was one of the great pharmacological discoveries of the century; almost equally remarkable was the fact that the discoverer was in his seventies when he made it.

Hans Walter Kosterlitz studied medicine in Heidelberg, Freiburg and Berlin. From 1928 to 1933 he held an appointment as an assistant in the medical department of the University of Berlin, but while he was there, as well as doing clinical work, he was also able to pursue research, developing a particular interest in carbohydrate metabolism and liver disease in diabetic patients.

It was this interest in diabetes that brought Kosterlitz to Aberdeen. Professor Macleod who, with Banting and Best, had discovered insulin in his laboratory in Toronto, had returned to Aberdeen as head of physiology, and Kosterlitz was keen to work with him. In fact, Macleod died the following year, but Kosterlitz stayed on to continue his research into galactose metabolism and the liver.

At the outbreak of war, feeling that his work should have more relevance to the national effort, Kosterlitz began to investigate how liver function was affected by diet, and in particular the effects of the quality and quantity of protein in the diet. His interest in this topic was to continue into the 1950s.

He then turned his attention to the vegetative nervous system and to the myenteric plexus of the gut. To this was added an interest in morphine, which developed after Kosterlitz read a paper by Paul Trendelenburg, published in 1917, which showed that morphine in very low concentrations inhibited the peristaltic reflex in the isolated ileum preparation of the guinea pig.

One of the most important pieces of research which Kosterlitz carried out in the 1960s showed that the analgesic potency of various narcotic analgesics could be predicted by their action on isolated peripheral tissues, and that these tissues could be used as a screening method for potential analgesics.

This research was met with scepticism by some who could not imagine how the action of a drug on a piece of intestine "jumping up and down" in an organ bath could tell anything about its action in the brain; but they were forgetting, of course, that the myenteric plexus is the "brain" of the gut. Kosterlitz was later proved right.

Over the following years he came to believe more and more that morphine was not an inhibitory drug but was an agonist (ie, an active substance) acting on its own receptor in the body. If this were true then *ipso facto* the body must produce a substance which was the physiological agonist for that receptor. The opportunity to prove this came in 1973.

Kosterlitz had remained in the department of physiology at Aberdeen from his arrival in 1934 until 1968, progressing from assistant and Carnegie teaching fellow to lecturer, senior lecturer and finally reader. As well as teaching physiology he also became responsible for the teaching of pharmacology, and in 1968, when a chair in that subject was created, Kosterlitz, at 65, became its first holder. Three years later, pharmacology became a separate department, with him as its head. (The department was to last only 20 years, with just one further head, before being incorporated into a department of biomedical sciences, much to Kosterlitz's displeasure.)

In 1973, when he reached 70, Kosterlitz finally had to retire. It was then, with research money from both sides of the Atlantic, that he set up the Unit for Addictive Drugs (where he was Director until the time of his death), to look for the endogenous morphine agonist. Within a short time his search was successful, and in 1975 he reported the discovery of the enkephalins, one of the landmarks of pharmacology.

He continued his research into opioid peptides, publishing his final paper in 1991. The work has led to a greater understanding of how the body deals with pain, even to an understanding of acupuncture, and provides a scientific rationale for the production of new narcotic analgesics.

Hans Kosterlitz inspired great devotion in those who worked with him. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1978, and the following year was awarded the Society's Royal Medal. His discovery of the opioid peptides also brought him the Schmiedeberg Plakette of the German Pharmacological Society, awarded in 1976 and presented to him by Professor Ullrich Trendelenburg, son of the scientist whose paper had first inspired Kosterlitz's interest in morphine.

He received the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award in 1978 and the Wellcome Gold Medal of the British Pharmacological Society in 1982. He was also awarded honorary doctorates from the universities of Liège and Aberdeen. His 90th birthday was marked in 1993 by a meeting of the British Pharmacological Society in Aberdeen and by a civic luncheon in his honour.

In 1937 Hans Kosterlitz married Johanna (Hanna) Gresshöner. She survives him. Their only son, Michael, is Professor of Theoretical Physics at Brown University.

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The following communiqué was issued by the Admiralty late last night:

It can now be stated with certainty that all except nine of the ships in the convoy attacked by an enemy surface raider on the night of November 5 escaped. The convoy consisted of 38 ships of which one had dropped astern. It will be remembered that the German High Command announced that the whole of this convoy had been destroyed. It is possible that some of the ships still missing may be safe. That nearly three-quarters of this large convoy escaped destruction at the hands of the powerful German raider was due to the high degree of efficiency shown by the captains of the merchant vessels in scattering and making use of smoke and to the very gallant action of H.M.S. Jervis Bay (Acting Captain E. S. F. Fegen, R.N.), which was escorting the convoy. H.M.S. Jervis Bay steered for the enemy and engaged her with greatly inferior armament, thus enabling the majority of the convoy to make good their escape. H.M.S. Jervis Bay continued to engage the enemy after she had been hit and was burning furiously. Nearly two hours after the beginning of the engagement an explosion was seen to take place on board H.M.S. Jervis Bay, and it is regretted that she must be considered as lost. It is known that 65 of the survivors of H.M.S. Jervis Bay are on board a merchant ship.

A WEST COAST PORT, NOV. 12

The story of the Jervis Bay's heroic fight was told when some of the convoy reached a British port. The captain of one of the British ships said: "The German opened fire almost as soon as she was sighted. She was then seven or eight miles away and concentrated her opening fire on the big liner Rangitiki, which she apparently took for an escort vessel. Her salvos appeared to be from 11in. guns and were very accurate. When the Jervis Bay accepted her challenge and went out to do battle, all the odds were in favour of the raider. The British ship's fate was practically certain, but her officers and crew maintained the best traditions of British seamen and never flinched from the fate that must have overtaken them. The encounter was sharp and fierce. The first few salvos caught the Jervis Bay and set her on fire. In spite of this she kept replying spiritedly with her guns until they were all silenced. Her gallant resistance had permitted us and other vessels in the convoy to escape."

Is a new batch of Chris Evanses coming on stream?

Radio Prankster takes to the air

For grown-ups only: that is how the nanny state has long treated broadcasting. Student stations in America have long held a place on the dial in university towns. But not until February will Britain get its first full-time, student-operated commercial station. Oxygen FM, with programmes made and presented by Oxford students, has just won an eight-year licence from the Radio Authority, thanks apparently to a strong business plan.

This recognition of the youthful appetite, not only for radio but for the business of radio, has been too long coming. While, according to *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, there are 22 university stations around Britain, they mainly go out at low power on medium wave, often for just a *month or two a year.*

But FM is where they want to be because that broadcasting frequency is better for music. Two other hopefuls are Kick FM at Nottingham Trent University and Shout FM at John Moores University, Liverpool. Both hope, like Oxygen, to win a permanent licence eventually, against other contenders for licences in their area.

BRENDA MADDOX

One obvious reason for a reluctance to hand students the mike is that you never know what they might say. Indeed, as one of Shout FM's organisers says, he wants the station to be a cutting-edge, *innovative station* like BBC's Radio 1.

How many Chris Evanses can Britain take? Even one may be too many, to judge from the swelling chorus of Middle England outrage against the patter the irrepressible Evans flings into the ears of the young every weekday morning on Radio 1. His latest effrontery — inviting those female listeners planning to lose their virginity to ring him up and report on their progress — seems calculated to offend driving-to-school mums and the *Daily Mail.*

But Middle England need not worry. Evans is a genius — not that he can do no wrong. It is beyond me why this natural entertainer, blessed with such irresistible bimedial effervescence, has to insult his bosses *and his subordinates, boast about his* money or even overwork to the point where he cannot control his tongue. I still think he belongs with the all-time greats who have *evolved in the curious non-commercial* environment of British broadcasting.

It was Channel 4, with its own eccentric structure, which put this red-haired, perpetual-motion creature before our eyes in *The Big Breakfast.* And even this laisser-faire channel has found that it can no longer risk Evans live. It pre-records his Friday teatime television show, giving time to bleep out the F words before they hit the air.

But rest assured: on commercial radio Evans could never get away with what he does on BBC radio. Only in the self-regulating BBC does he have the latitude to go over the top. The Radio Authority's code of behaviour is far stricter and more specific: "smut, titillation, crudity and sexual stereotyping must be avoided". And the authority *has sanctions to hand: fines or loss of licence.*

The puritanism of commercial radio is not the fault of the Radio Authority, which is charged by Parliament with keeping a tight rein on commercial radio. *Indeed, only in* the past few years, with Government-approved expansion of the FM waveband, has the authority been allowed to give out licences *in novel forms undreamt* of when commercial radio was launched in 1973 under stern regulations which virtually apologised for it being "not the BBC".

Recently, the authority has been giving licences to smaller and smaller patches of turf.

So is the British radio universe fairly balanced, all in all? The licence-fee-supported BBC has more freedom to tolerate uninhibited speech. Commercial radio is *freer to allow private investors to* experiment with odd shapes and sizes of audiences. Perhaps. But the BBC's permissiveness would *be the more admirable were it not* totally dependent on Evans to hold Radio 1's position as the most-listened-to radio station in the country. The oft-rebuked Evans knows, like the head chorister caught smoking, that the powers that be need him and that, to the congregation, he looks like a fundamentally nice boy who is all the more likeable for being sometimes naughty.

THINGS to look out for:

- Whether the Chancellor's Budget speech on November 26 includes mention of a future sale of Channel 4;
- Whether the Department of Trade and Industry's draft rules of access to digitial subscription television, to be issued later this month, assuage outsiders' anxieties about non-discriminatory access to BSkyB's set-top box.
- *Whether the BBC can keep its promise to* "use plain language". Last week I failed to spot this vow on page 35 of the BBC's 53-page list of commitments. I am happy to report the good news but worried that the promise applies only to BBC prose addressed to the public. In its international communications, it seems, Birt-speak will survive.

THE LISTENER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

It's one for the judge and two for . . .

IT IS perhaps best that viewers of *The Verdict*, the BBC2 series lifting the lid on the legal profession, reserve judgment on the theme tune. The brains behind the music which accompanies the credits is a rock'n'roll combo of judges and barristers.

Count One and the TiCS (courtroom jargon for the first charge *on an indictment and* cases taken into consideration) features His Honour Judge Wolstenholme on drums and Judge David Wood on keyboards, with support from legal cronies on the North Eastern Circuit.

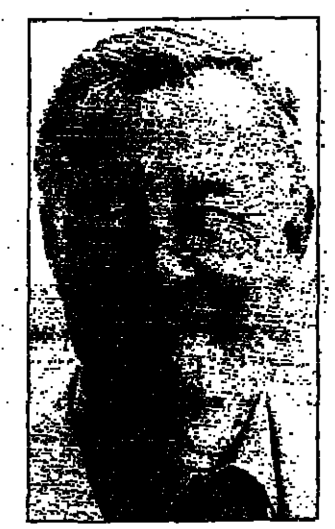
The band's idea for a Crown Court megamix featuring recorded "samples" of judges barking "Take him down" and "Silence in court" was taken up by the BBC. Sadly the band wasn't asked to play for the actual recording — "it sounded atrocious", says one *Beeb insider — but the unanimous* verdict at legal shindigs it has attended has been a definite thumbs-up.

SEAN O'BRIEN, the News of the World *reporter who fearlessly confronted Liam Gallagher, the Oasis singer, at the weekend and got a fist in the face for his trouble, should be thankful for small mercies.*

O'Brien managed to keep quiet his own far more embarrassing secret. He recently won first prize on Man O Man, *the programme so tacky that LWT has just axed it. In the show, hosted by the evergreen Chris Tarrant, young men strut about in boxer shorts and undergo a series of inane tests to determine who is the ideal bloke. A roomful of baying women cast their votes and flock round the winner.*

O'Brien, then a freelance reporter working for the Sunday Mirror, *so impressed the screaming lovelies that he won a £15,000 Harley Davidson and a lot of stick in the newsroom. However, he chose not to share this with the ape-like Gallagher whom he confronted with a photograph which showed the singer with a woman who was not his fiancée, Patsy Kensit.*

"If Liam had known that he would have probably kicked his head in," a sensitive Oasis camp insider said.



Conran: publicity stunt

Finny, ha ha

WHAT do Sir Terence Conran, a Ford hatchback and a tank full of koi have in common? Answer: a rather bizarre publicity stunt to promote Ford's new baby, the Ka.

Visitors to Mezzo, Conran's trendy restaurant in Soho, this week will be greeted by the spectacle of a full-size Ka, converted into an aquarium; and brimming with fish. One of the dinky new cars is also on show in the Conran Shop at Brompton Cross. The innovative stunt was *dreamt up by* Claydon Heeley, the specialist agency. But there is another link much closer to the Conran home. The mastermind of the merchandising is none other than Sir Terence's son, Sebastian.

NOT everything is shrinking at Express newspapers. While staff and budgets have been reduced to accommodate *the* new leaner-look seven-day operation, some things are expanding — namely the office of Stephen Grabiner, the executive director.

Staff have been forced to endure a cacophony of bangs *and* drilling noises as workmen install mahogany surroundings into the huge, triple-aspect, fourth-floor room. Grabiner, credited as being the architect of the drastic changes at Ludgate House, now holds court looking out over the Thames and St Paul's Cathedral. "His office appears *to* be growing in direct proportion to the staff shrinking," said an insider at the Express bunker.

Making history

THE American presidential election might have been one of the dullest in history, but it had Internet buffs at fever *pitch.* CNN *managed* to break Internet records with an all-time high of 50 million hits to its website AllPolitics.

Clinton: dull election

Throughout election day, the computer anorak brigade tapped into exit polls for the Senate, House and gubernatorial contests, state by state totals and the full texts of candidates' speeches. As if that wasn't enough, *they were at it* again the next day accessing behind-the-scenes election photographs of President Clinton and Bob Dole. "Our ability to provide such rich content to so many users makes this a history-making moment for journalism on the Web," a spokesman said.

Every cliché in the ad agency's book

ADVERTISING

BBC2 screened a most entertaining fly-on-the-wall documentary about advertising last night as part of the *When Rover met BMW* series.

Throughout the half-hour special, which focused on the changed advertising needs of Rover cars in the light of the BMW takeover, just about every advertising cliché was wheeled out.

There was the bow-tied, over-precious creative, embodied in Robin Wight, chief of BMW's agency WCRS. *Clad in lime green corduroy,* he delighted in the moniker "brand architect" rather than mere adman. Then there was the fancy car. Mr Wight pulled up at Rover's headquarters in his chauffeur-driven, top-of-the-range BMW, complete with his 3545 RW personalised numberplate. The clichés continued with the lavish second home in the country, this one a Northamptonshire farm belonging to another featured advertising executive.

But best of all was the ludicrously expensive advertising shoot, costing £750,000, which brought downtown Manhattan to a grinding halt for a day and involved the meticulous selection of one out of 120 actors to wear one out of 40 shirts, 60 ties and four Paul Smith suits. And all that for just 30 seconds.

PROOF that celebrity advertising *does not always work, if proof* were needed, comes in the shape of the disastrous campaign for the Cable Communications Association, starring Dawn French. She was depicted, rather bizarrely, holding onto an enlarged piece of tubing, which was supposed to represent a cable, while sitting on top of a cow and sporting too much lipstick.

A hefty £10 million was spent on national TV to air the commercial but now the CCA has parted with its director of marketing, dumped the agency responsible for the work and axed the campaign altogether amid dark mutterings from senior operators that the ad was "only average".

AGENCY folk will be gathering for a spot of festive fun at London's Comedy Store on *December 9* to watch or star in the industry's popular spoof game show *Whose ad is it anyway?*

Modelled on the Channel 4 Hat *Trick Productions programme Whose line is it anyway?*, the contest similarly obliges participants to indulge in humiliating activities.

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Passion and Channel 5

Maggie Brown meets Mal Young, who has risen from temporary props man to head of drama, and finds out his plan to enliven the new channel

ROBIN MAYES

Mal Young, who cut his teeth on *Brookside*, has been appointed head of drama at Pearson Television

Mal Young, the ex-producer of Channel 4's gritty *Brookside*, is sitting in his brand new and empty (save for a huge television) London office, rubbing his eyes in disbelief at the swift change in his fortunes.

"My life is like a soap opera," *remarks the former graphic designer* and amateur actor who started his television career as a temporary props man.

His thick Liverpudlian accent is untouched by success and smiles light up his face. The man responsible for taking the *Merseyside drama* to new heights of topical notoriety with sensational storylines ranging from the Jordache body-under-the-patio saga to an incestuous brother and sister in bed together (the scene's repeat at teatime attracted censure from the regulator, the ITC), has just landed an influential new job.

Young, 39, has emerged *from the long shadow* cast by his mentor, instructor and close friend, Phil Redmond, whose company Mersey Television makes *Brookside*, and has been entrusted with the tough *challenge of devising* Britain's first original daily soap opera.

This will be designed for the somewhat different teatime audience of women and children, who are currently served up *the* Australian *imports Neighbours* and *Home And Away* by BBC1 and ITV.

The new soap, with a working title of *Running Wild*, will be screened in a regular weekday 6.30pm slot on the new terrestrial Channel 5 when it *starts broadcasting on March 30.* Young's official new title is head of drama for Pearson Television, whose parent company is a shareholder in Channel 5.

Pearson Television *happens* to own both Grundy, which makes *Neighbours (whose hold is weakening on* UK audiences), and the programme-making arm of Thames Television, which makes *The Bill*.

If the combined drama side can be coaxed into pulling its weight, Pearson could become a very significant *force* in British TV, where the new accent is on being cost-effective, and holding down costs.

Young describes it as a potential "mini-studio" in the Hollywood tradition.

"I do want to see things crossing between the two," he says, also pointing to the way that modern soaps (he prefers to call them "bloody good dramas, often the best things on television") are proving to be the training grounds for talented television writers of lengthy serious dramas.

Young's initial task is to harness the drama factory techniques for which both Grundy worldwide and Mersey Television in the UK are renowned for, while breathing in added creative life.

"The new soap is expected to assume a *crucial "signature", supplying* character to the fledgeling channel, which has pledged to be modern, "very popular and somewhat younger in feel than ITV as it fights for a 4 to 6 per cent share of the viewing audience.

> 'Viewers should be sad one minute, laughing the next'

The problem, as Young knows, is that most new soaps fail, as *Albion Market*, *Eldorado* and *Castles* have all demonstrated.

Even Mersey Television's latest teenage soap, *Hollyoaks*, now running twice a week, has had a very bumpy first year and recently *switched to some* sensational life — and — death plots in an attempt to attract more viewers, while *Coronation Street*'s aged feel is under attack from *EastEnders*. Meanwhile, Equity, the *actor's union, is currently instructing* its members to sign no drama deals with Channel 5 until agreements are struck.

But Young is a workaholic and is quite prepared to sleep on his office sofa overnight to get results. He is *thrilled to be running his own show* (earlier this year he also produced *The Beat Goes On* . . . for Channel 4) and to be recognised as a leading producer — although with every other sentence he acknowledges his debt to Redmond, who steadily *promoted him* between 1984 and 1996.

About *Running Wild*, he says: "The first thing is that a soap is an organic thing, it has to be done with a passion. This is going to be a family-based drama, unlike all the other long-running dramas, which are mostly about communities — *EastEnders*, *Coronation Street*, *Brookside*.

"I want to do something different. To go further into character development. Our family will be an extended *one, with members in many different* classes. It is a bit like mine." Young went to a tough comprehensive, then art school, and a first job at Littlewoods. His father was a milkman.

"Drama can run away with pacey *storylines. I want to slow ours down,* show ordinary lives. It means we can go into working lives, and let the audience get to know their neighbours as well. It can be boring if we don't do our jobs right, but we will.

"Any contemporary soap must reflect real life. But audiences also like likeable characters, dialogue, and the telling of good stories. And humour has got to be a big part of it. You've got to be able to make viewers numb with sadness one minute, bursting with laughter the next. *That's the stuff! And we've got to get* younger people in there. We want attractive icons, attractive role models — oh yes! — but we don't want things presented just from their point of view. We don't want to alienate other viewers — it has to have as wide *an appeal as possible. You can't do it* cynically. I always felt that was the problem with *Eldorado*."

He says the writers, freelance but part of a team, will be crucial. The soap will be devised by a writing team of 12, of whom the majority will be experienced, but two or three will be young risks. "You can carry a couple of risks, say 20-year-olds, in a big team. That's the way to find new, exciting talent."

The main cast will be some 18 characters, with between 12 and 14 *appearing in each episode.* *Eldorado*'s mistake was to have too many, and so confuse the viewer.

"There must be a feeling of moving on with the story, but we also have to be prepared for the audience to be transient, to dip in and out. When *you're on every night they might not* always be there, or they might watch repeats out of sequence."

But the nightly episodes wll not start with a "recap" of what went before, as happens with *Neighbours*. "You don't need to bash the audience over the head."

Young pauses, and with gritty pragmatism concludes: "Going five nights a week from the beginning *might be a bit shaky, there will be* criticism. But we'll get there."

The very best of the TV ads

Belinda Archer reports on the industry's accolade for the ads that part us from our money

Now it's official: Bob Hoskins's "It's good to talk" campaign for BT has been the most effective piece of British advertising in the past *two years. The* work has revolutionised telephone usage in the UK. It has won men round to the idea of chatting on the phone rather than using it merely as a conduit for monosyllabic communication. It has also tackled the public's belief that making a phone call is expensive, comparing phone charges *to* everyday low-cost items, such as a pound of carrots or a pint of beer.

Gascoigne and Lineker

Whether you like it or not, *Hoskins's chirpy* Cockney, combined with an irritatingly memorable slogan, has swollen BT's coffers by £297 million and provided the company with a chunky return on investment of *six* to one. In short, "It's good to talk" has done its job better than any other recent advertising campaign.

Such is the verdict of the Institute of Practitioners in *Advertising, the trade* association for advertising agencies, which held its prestigious Effectiveness Awards in London last night.

The event, attended by *600 company marketing* directors and agency executives, is a celebration of ads that work, rather than ads that just look pretty. As in the glittering worlds of theatre and film, there are *no end* of self-congratulatory prizes to be won in advertising, dished out by adfolk to adfolk.

But these awards are the ones that really count; they are the only industry awards that judge advertising's impact on a company's sales or profile — what advertising, after all, is *supposed to be about.*

Abbott Mead Vickers was the happy agency which bagged the Grand Prix for its BT advertising, but several other trophies were handed out, in praise *of advertising for a new* product or brand, new advertising for existing products and long-running campaigns.

Gary Lineker's Walkers Crisps campaign landed a silver award in the new campaigns category for BMP DDB, further proving the power and value of *using a celebrity.* Lineker has helped the crisps manufacturer to increase sales by a healthy 22.5 per cent since his first appearance.

Cute kids also worked wonders for Safeway's advertising, by Bates Dorland, featuring the UK's favourite tot, Harry. The use of Harry has boosted the supermarket chain's *pre-tax profits* by 7 per cent and apparently made the average basket-size, which is how they measure these things, 12 per cent bigger.

Elsewhere, Orange's *beautifully executed* "The future's bright, the future's Orange" campaign, through WCRS, landed the gold trophy in the category for new products, and Barclaycard's entertaining *James Bond spoofs*, starring the inimitable Rowan Atkinson, were deemed the strongest of the campaigns aimed at maintaining a brand over a long period.

The Orange work has generated £128 million in additional revenue, while Atkinson's humour has helped to reverse a declining share trend for Barclaycard, achieving brand leadership and boosting turnover by 3 per cent.

Not only is it good to talk, it seems. Adland is realising it's also very good *to create ads that work.*

The two minutes' silence and the national will

PAPER ROUND

Brian MacArthur

I HAVE been a journalist for 34 years and have never been asked to observe *the two* minutes' silence on November 11 until this year.

At *The Times* the morning conference was postponed until 11.15, phones were taken off *hooks, a bell sounded* at 11 o'clock, and the office fell silent for two minutes. It was a moving moment, all too easily parodied in *Private Eye*, but sincere nonetheless *and observed in many other* newspaper offices, including *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Sun* and *The Guardian* (which put a poppy on its front page on Monday). Over the past two weeks newspapers have been crucial in reviving the will of the nation to observe the two minutes' silence on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Poppies have flowered on newspaper mastheads, there have been eloquent leading articles, selections of war poetry, *and stories of heroism* and sacrifice from both world wars in the news pages.

A leading article in *The Times* on Monday observed that the annual silence on Armistice Day united us more profoundly, more sincerely, more gloriously than any celebration. "For a brief yet timeless moment, we recall not only our countrymen now alive, but the generations that have fought for our freedoms before us." Similar sentiments have often been expressed in *The Times* before Remembrance Sunday but never *before have staff* been invited to join the silence.

THAT suggests that a new generation of editors are *taking* Armistice Day more seriously. One of them is Charles Moore at *The Daily Telegraph*. "People do lack a sense of common purpose," he says. "They know they lack it and want it. If given the opportunity, they will express it."

With their readership in millions, it was the tabloids *who delivered the heaviest* support. Poppies started appearing alongside the mastheads of the *Daily Mail* and *The Express* two weeks ago and *The Sun* launched a daily 11-11-11 campaign for the two minutes' silence. Readers were invited to fax their support and Monday's front page featured *Coronation Street's* Kevin Kennedy reminding readers to fall silent at 11 o'clock. When the British Legion launched its call for *the restoration of Armistice* Day, Charles Lewis, controller of communications, wrote to every editor in the country. He struck a chord. "The support of the press and some of the moving leading articles were *vital in persuading* millions to observe the silence," he said yesterday.

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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

351 feared dead as planes collide

■ *As many as 351 people are believed to have been killed in a* mid-air collision between a Saudi Airways Boeing 747 and a Russian-built Ilyushin airliner of Kazakh Airways near Delhi *last night. Witnesses described a fireball falling out of the sky.*

The Indian Government ordered a judicial inquiry to determine if there was pilot error or whether air traffic controllers were to blame. Debris fell over flat farmland in a thinly populated area dotted with villages .... **Page 1**

Major opens war over 48-hour week

■ John Major paved the way for a confrontation with the European Union lasting up to and through the general election when he promised to reverse a verdict of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg imposing a 48-hour maximum working week on Britain .... **Pages 1, 9, 10, 18, 19**

IRA terror raid

An IRA active service unit has raided a west London storage centre and carried off a terrorist cache, increasing fears that a Christmas bombing campaign is being planned .... **Page 1**

Gun compensation

Michael Howard tried to buy off a rebellion by Conservative MPs by doubling compensation for gun owners and excluding historical guns from the proposed ban on handguns .... **Page 1**

NHS paper leaked

Labour sought to derail a government attempt to seize the high ground on the NHS by leaking a draft white paper aimed at persuading voters that the service is safe in Tory hands .... **Page 2**

Paedophile priest

A Roman Catholic priest at the centre of an international paedophile ring swapping child pornography on the Internet was jailed for six years .... **Page 3**

Bumped out

Jenny Fox, 6ft and 11½ stone, who was selected for her Cambridge college men's eight, has been forced out of the boat by the rules on single-sex crews .... **Page 5**

Space invaders

Searching for wayward asteroids that might collide with the Earth is no longer a fringe activity and astronomers agree that more work *should be done* .... **Page 6**

Spread bets

Casinos are to be allowed to open in cathedral cities and spa towns such as York, Norwich, Bath and Eastbourne *under government* plans to extend hard gambling to 20 new areas .... **Page 7**

Tory whispers

The Tory high command spread the word that Quentin Davies, the MP who entered the cash-for-questions affair, had been motivated by pique at failure to become a minister .... **Page 8**

Aircrew attacked

British Airways crew members flown to Johannesburg for medical treatment have told how they were attacked and injured by rioting students in the Zambian capital, Lusaka .... **Page 11**

Rough justice

The Taleban are getting tough on crime in Kabul: a self-confessed thief was publicly beaten and whipped before having his right hand amputated .... **Page 14**

Canada helps Zaire

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary General, said Canada was to head an "intervention force" of 10-12,000 troops to restore order in Zaire .... **Page 14**

Witness sues FBI

A key witness in the death of Vincent Foster, the presidential aide, sued the American Government and two FBI agents for falsi*fying his evidence* .... **Page 15**

Poachers force caviare off the menu

■ The world market in caviare is in danger of collapse as uncontrolled poaching and smuggling of sturgeon from the Caspian Sea pushes the fish towards extinction, environ*mentalists and caviare importers said. Britain's imports* of 30 tons a year worth £30 million could be nothing more than a memory in ten years' time .... **Pages 7, 19**

BENOIT DOPPAGNE/REUTERS

The European Court of Justice rejecting Britain's challenge on the 48-hour week in Luxembourg yesterday. Pages 1, 9, 10, 18, 19

BUSINESS

Nationwide: Britain's second big*gest building society surprised the* housing the market by announcing a 0.25 per cent increase in its mortgage rate .... **Page 25**

Church lending: Cardinal Basil Hume has approved a pilot scheme for the Catholic Building Society to *offer home* loans through the church .... **Page 25**

Pensions: A City watchdog is to try to speed up compensation to victims of pensions mis-selling by reducing the questions they face to fewer than 10 .... **Page 25**

Markets: *The FT-SE 100 index rose* 19.9 points to close at 3934.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 90.5 to 90.6 after a rise from $1.6459 to $1.6467 and from DM2.4670 to DM2.4682... **Page 28**

SPORT

Tennis: British tennis past and present, *as represented by* Jeremy Bates and Tim Henman, made winning progress on the opening day of the national championships at Telford .... **Page 48**

Football: Terry Wilson, who retired at the age of 24 because of injury, *will appear in the first round of the* FA Cup for Rushden and Diamonds on Saturday .... **Page 44**

Rugby union: Ireland beat South Africa 28-25 in the A international, led by the Harlequins hooker Keith Wood, who has his eye on a British Isles tour place .... **Page 43**

Racing: One of the sport's most successful partnerships is to resume when Michael Stoute receives five yearlings to train for the Aga Khan .... **Page 45**

Starry night: Are the MTV Awards a welcome global party for the music industry, or just a slick piece of marketing? David Sinclair lifts the lid .... **Page 36**

Rising star: A few years ago Steve Balsamo was belting out Alice Cooper cover versions in Swansea pubs *to impress his girlfriend.* On Tuesday he takes centre stage in *Jesus Christ Superstar* .... **Page 36**

Star status: Sonny Rollins is a giant of jazz, a master of improvisation, a stern perfectionist — and a humble man .... **Page 37**

Tarnished star: The *revamped* Boublil and Schonberg musical *Martin Guerre* is a lot better, with plenty to feast the eyes on, but Benedict Nightingale feels something is still missing .... **Page 38**

The new belief: Nigella Lawson on astrology v religion and why we hedge our bets in admitting what we truly feel .... **Page 17**

Valerie Grove interviews Wafic Said as he waits to hear whether Oxford University will accept his £20 million offer .... **Page 17**

Walking tall: The new simple, minimalist styles won't work without high, high heels. Flatties will just look frumpy .... **Page 16**

Will of the nation: Newspapers have been crucial in reviving the need for the two-minutes' silence on Armistice Day .... **Page 23**

Radio Prankster: Britain is to get its first full-time, student-operated commercial station .... **Page 22**

Built to inspire: Bristol City Council has built a three-bedroomed, energy-efficient house that costs £65 a year to heat .... **Page 33**

The room for manoeuvre available to Chancellor Kohl, the only European statesman with the authority to move forward the integration of the Old Continent, has been restricted by party problems. This is not good news either for Germany or for Europe — *Le Monde*

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Geoff Brown on *First Wives Club* starring Diane Keaton, Goldie Hawn and Bette Midler

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George Melly on Picasso and Peter Stothard on *The Discovery of the Past*

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Preview: Who said the dog was man's best friend? *Modern Times* (BBC2, 9pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond on a flower show film that started to wilt .... **Page 47**

OPINION

Europe isn't working

The European Court of Justice's *ruling that Britain* must implement the Working Time Directive is objectionable in principle and will be damaging in practice .... **Page 19**

Homes fit for heroes

Yesterday, Mr Sher Bahadur Deuba, the Prime Minister of Nepal, met John Major to petition the Prime Minister about Gurkha concerns. Britain owes the Gurkhas a debt *of honour for* distinguished service in the past .... **Page 19**

Caviare crisis

As Russia turns capitalist, the caviare is disappearing. The Caspian Sea sturgeon that provided the elixir of the tsars is being rapidly hunted to extinction .... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

SIMON JENKINS

Hong Kong has changed a great deal from the colonial satrapy that *I visited ten years ago. It is almost* a mature political entity. The colony's greatest challenge has been corruption. But there is no comparison between its experience of this plague and the massive corruption that passes for "opening up the economy" in China. Just wait and see .... **Page 18**

ALAN COREN

Depend upon it, Sir, when a man knows he is to be fossilised in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully .... **Page 18**

SIMON BARNES

Once we start off with Vinnie Jones as hero and Ryan Giggs as villain, there is no telling where we will end up .... **Page 44**

Tim Gidal, Israeli photographer; **Hans Kosterlitz**, Professor of Pharmacology at Aberdeen University; ***Bernard Lafferty***, butler to the American heiress, Doris Duke .... **Page 21**

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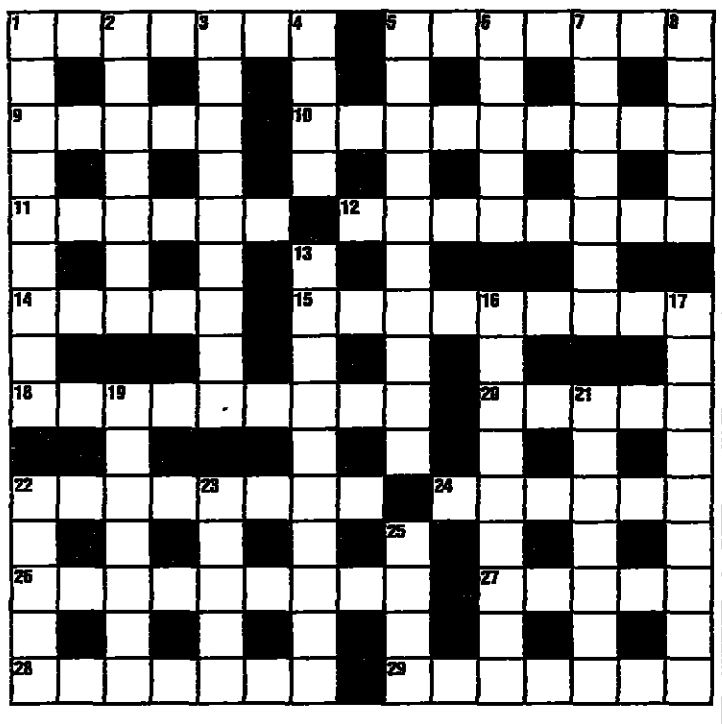

ACROSS
1 Heave line back and start to mix bait (7).
5 Elementary ingredient for making chips (7).
9 Blemishes occurring when a vein ruptures (5).
10 Most relaxed, in spite of LP being remixed (9).
11 Jester's job – most of it with monarch (6).
12 In Paris I may have a terrible feeling of envy (8).
14 So the Stag's opposite the church? (5).
15 Rely, oddly, on a couple of pints every few months (9).
18 Fantastic performer about to return in new production of *Orpheus* (9).
20 Jack sets them a target – a small forest (5).
22 Force animal to sleep (8).
24 Queen houses old lover in adjoining building (6).
26 Message about deliveries qualifying for insurance? (9).
27 A girl in the classical stream, perhaps? (5).
28 Almost demonstrate neat contradiction (7).
29 Corrupt lay arbitrator reaching dodgy conclusion (7).

DOWN
1 Some underclothing Jack wears *itches* (4,5).
2 Good woman's family in a bit of a pickle (7).
3 Find one's way East three times by river (9).
4 Blow warmer (4).
5 Dresser following a hard design? (10).
6 Learners have hidden copy in fold of jacket (5).
7 Oral examiner put things in black and white (7).
8 Vote against taking in the races – that's smart (5).
13 Player's equipment found in press enclosure (7-3).
16 This fishing gear won't get in tangles (6-3).
17 What will the present be tomorrow? (9).
19 Fuss friend to give an opinion (7).
21 Marginally question soundness of *old American state* (7).
22 Equivalent of taxi in Lancs town (5).
23 About to interrupt father, took a chance (5).
25 Water spirit that's invisible in seaweed (4).

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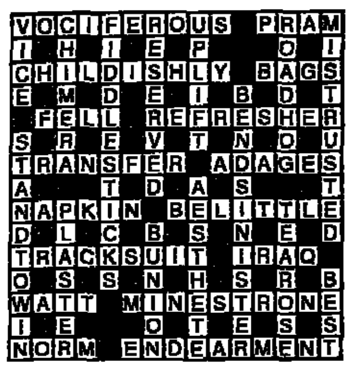

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be largely dry. Early rain should soon clear in southern and southeastern counties, then most places will have bright or sunny spells. *Showers will* generally be confined to the North Sea coast. Winds will moderate and swing more westerly but it will still feel quite cool.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry with bright or sunny spells. Eastern counties of Scotland will have a few showers, but these will die away as cloud thickens from the northwest, bringing more continuous rain into the northwest later.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England:** early rain clearing then brighter and generally dry. Wind northeasterly moderate to fresh, later northerly moderate. Still chilly. Max 7C (45F).

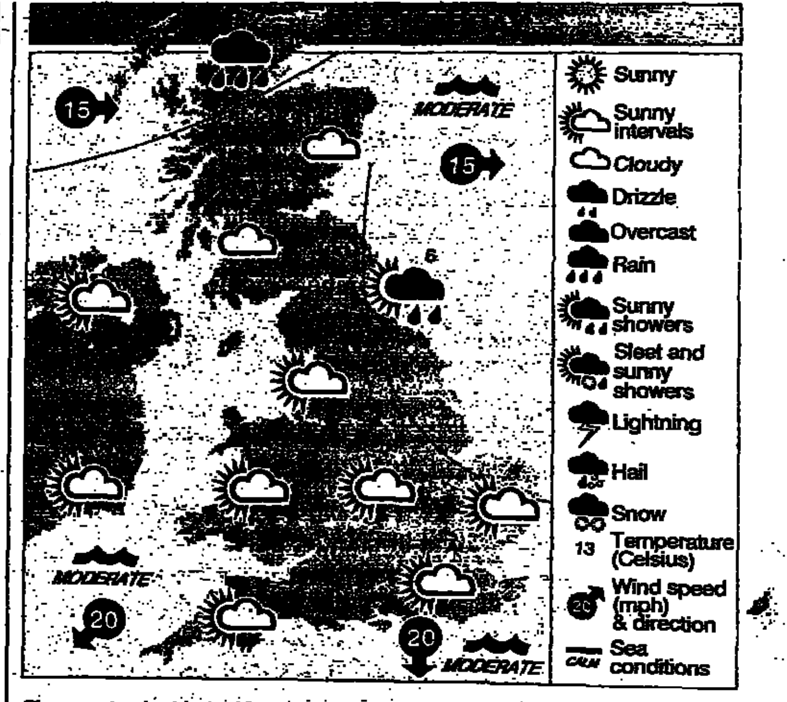
☐ **E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** bright or sunny spells with a few showers, wintry over higher ground. Wind northerly, fresh, becoming northwesterly moderate. Chilly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Central N:** clear or sunny spells and generally dry. Wind northerly, moderate, later *northwesterly, light. A little milder in* places. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** *dry at first, cloud thickening* bringing rain later. Wind northwesterly light, becoming westerly, fresh. Becoming milder in the north. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright or sunny spells, becoming cloudy with rain later. Wind northwesterly, later southwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Outlook for Thursday and Friday:** overnight frost and fog, lingering well into the morning in places.



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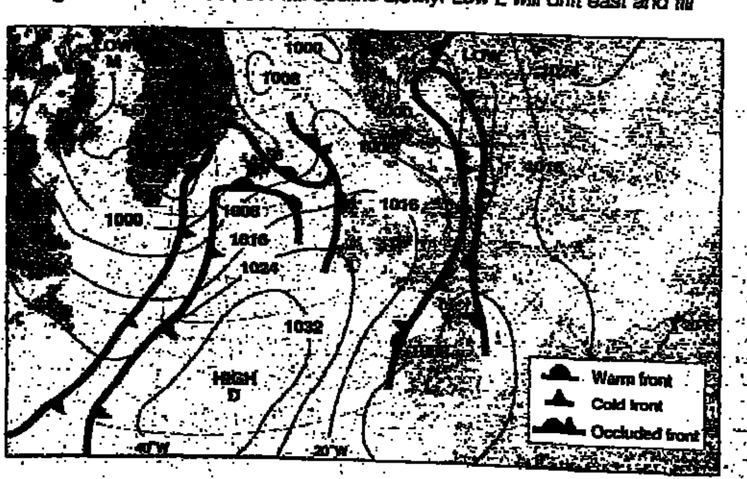

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X					Leuchars	X				
Anglesey	3.9	0.11	9	48	sh	Littlehmptn	0.5	0.04	9	48	r
Aspatria	3.4	0.11	7	45	sh	London	-	0.04	9	48	r
Aviemore	*0.4*	*0.12*	*4*	*39*	*sh*	*Lowestoft*	-	*0.24*	*10*	*50*	r
Belfast	X					Manchester	3.2	0.06	9	48	sh
Birmingham	0.2	0.23	7	45	r	Margate	1.4	0.08	10	50	r
Bognor R	0.5	0.01	9	48	d	Minehead	-	0.01	9	48	c
Bournem'th	0.4	0.01	8	46	du	Morecambe	4.9	0.06	8	46	s
Bristol	-	0.02	8	46	c	Newcastle	X				
Buxton	1.1	0.20	5	41	b	Norwich	0.1	0.01	8	46	c
Cardiff	1.9	0.01	9	48	c	Oxford	0.1	0.03	10	50	d
Clacton	-	0.05	9	48	r	Penzance	X	0.03	11	52	du
Colwyn Bay	2.8	0.02	8	46	b	Poole	-	-	9	48	c
Cromer	-	0.95	9	48	r	Prestatyn	X	0.05	9	48	b
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	-	0.04	8	46	sh
Eastbourne	3.9	0.08	10	50	r	Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	3.7	0.07	7	45	b	Sandown	-	0.01	9	48	du
Eskdalemuir	5.2	0.78	5	41	sh	Saunton Snd	0.4	0.09	8	46	c
Exmouth	1.2	0.01	9	48	c	Scarboro'	-	0.19	7	45	c
Falmouth	3.0	-	10	50	b	Shanklin	X				
Fishguard	3.4	0.01	8	46	sh	Shrewsbury	3.1	0.04	8	46	r
Folkestone	3.9	0.02	11	52	r	Skegness	-	0.76	9	48	sh
Glasgow	5.5	-	8	46	s	Southend	-	0.05	8	46	r
Guernsey	-	0.07	11	52	sh	Southsea	-	0.01	9	48	d
Hastings	0.2	0.13	10	50	r	Stornoway	2.3	0.02	7	45	b
Hayling I	0.6	0.01	9	48	d	Swanage	0.1	0.01	8	46	d
Herne Bay	0.3	0.17	10	50	c	Teignmouth	-	0.01	9	48	c
Hove	0.7	0.02	9	48	r	Tenby	4.5	-	10	50	b
Hunstanton	-	1.06	9	48	r	Tiree	3.6	-	8	46	b
Isle of Man	X					Torquay	-	-	10	50	c
Jersey	0.1	0.38	10	50	c	Tynemouth	X				
Kinloss	1.5	0.02	7	45	b	Ventnor	0.9	0.02	9	48	d
Leeds	X					West-s-mare	-	-	9	48	c
Lerwick	*1.8*	*0.09*	*6*	*43*	*sh*	*Weymouth*	-	*0.01*	9	48	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	23	73	f	Corfu	19	66	f	Majorca	20	68	f	Rome	20	68	f
Akrotiri	25	77	s	C'phagn	7	45	r	Malaga	18	64	r	S Fr'isco	18	64	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Dublin	7	45	f	Malta	21	70	f	S Paulo	22	72	c
Algiers	25	77	s	Dubrovnik	16	61	f	Melb'rne	16	61	f	Salzburg	9	48	f
Amst'dm	8	46	f	Faro	17	63	c	Mexico C	13	55	s	Santiago	30	86	s
Athens	18	64	s	Florence	21	70	f	Miami	24	75	s	Seoul	19	66	s
B Aires	X			Frankfurt	10	50	f	Milan	12	54	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bahrain	25	77	s	Funchal	22	72	s	Montreal	3	37	c	St'kholm	-1	30	c
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	9	48	c	Moscow	3	37	c	Strasb'rg	10	50	c
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	15	59	r	Munich	15	59	f	Sydney	17	63	s
Barcelona	18	64	r	Helsinki	2	36	c	N Delhi	28	82	s	Tangier	16	61	r
Beirut	28	82	s	Hong K	26	79	f	N York	5	41	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Belgrade	19	66	s	Innsbrck	15	59	f	Nairobi	20	68	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Berlin	10	50	s	Istanbul	16	61	s	Naples	21	70	f	Tokyo	17	63	r
Bermuda	22	72	d	Jeddah	34	93	s	Nice	16	61	c	Toronto	3	37	c
Biarritz	17	63	f	Jo'burg	X			Oslo	-1	30	f	Tunis	22	72	s
Borde'x	14	57	f	L Angels	23	73	f	Paris	9	48	c	Valencia	15	59	f
Brussels	6	43	f	L Palmas	23	73	s	Peking	11	52	f	Vanc'vr	8	46	f
Budapest	15	59	f	Le Touq	7	45	f	Perth	34	93	s	Venice	14	57	c
Cairo	28	82	s	Lisbon	16	61	f	Prague	9	48	s	Vienna	15	59	f
Cape Tn	X			Locarno	7	45	r	Reykjavik	5	41	d	Warsaw	10	50	s
Ch'church	14	57	x	Luxembg	9	48	r	Rhodes	22	72	s	Wash'ton	7	45	s
Chicago	-1	30	f	Luxor	32	90	s	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	14	57	x
Cologne	10	50	r	Madrid	11	52	f	Riyadh	25	77	s	Zurich	7	45	f

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Avonmouth	8:16	13.3	8:38	13.2	Lowestoft	10:32	2.6	10:49	2.6
Belfast	-	-	12:02	3.6	Margate	0:40	4.7	1:04	4.7
Cardiff	8:09	12.0	8:26	11.9	Milford Haven	7:11	7.2	7:31	7.0
Devonport	6:54	5.5	7:13	5.4	Newquay	6:00	6.9	6:20	6.9
Dover	11:56	6.8	-	-	Oban	6:36	4.0	6:49	4.0
Dublin (N Wall)	0:15	4.1	12:33	4.2	Penzance	5:30	5.6	5:49	5.5
Falmouth	5:55	5.2	6:16	5.2	Portland	7:51	2.2	8:10	2.1
Greenock	1:20	3.5	1:46	3.6	Portsmouth	0:05	4.8	12:24	4.8
Harwich	0:33	4.0	12:52	4.1	Shoreham	-	-	12:12	6.4
Holyhead	11:20	5.8	11:41	5.6	Southampton	11:45	4.8	-	-
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Ilfracombe	*6:56*	*9.5*	*7:15*	*9.4*	Tees	4:36	5.4	4:56	5.4
King's Lynn	7:13	7.0	7:33	7.0	Walton-on-Naze	0:30	4.3	12:51	4.3

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Bristol 4.24 pm to 7.27 am
Edinburgh 4.08 pm to 7.48 am
Manchester 4.15 pm to 7.33 am
Penzance 4.40 pm to 7.34 am

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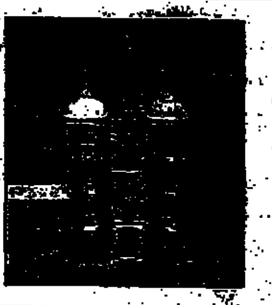

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SIB acts to speed up redress for pensions mis-selling

By Robert Miller

THE City's most senior watchdog will today unveil plans to speed up the £4 billion personal pensions mis-selling review by cutting the questions that must be answered before victims can qualify for compensation. Initially they had to answer 200 questions. The number is now being reduced to less than 10.

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB), headed by Sir Andrew Large, *has decided to act after* becoming concerned at the lack of progress since the review began in 1993. The SIB set a December 31 deadline for the most urgent 500,000 "priority" cases to have been completed and the victims reinstated in their old schemes. If reinstatement was not possible, then the life office is expected to top up personal pension schemes with a comparable sum.

As recently as last week Sir Andrew said: "Two years ago we said that the aim should be a review of most cases by the end of the year. Yet it is now clear that this target will be missed by a mile, with little more than 5 per cent of cases completed and only £50 million of redress offered."

Over the past few months the SIB and the Personal Investment Authority, the watchdog for firms selling direct to the public which has set up a special Pensions Unit to oversee the review, have conducted extensive tests with occupational schemes to decide if investors who were wrongly advised to leave generous work pension schemes for the uncertainty of a private pension plan, will be disadvantaged by the proposed streamlined questionnaire.

The watchdogs claim that very few will suffer because of a speed-up. Consumer bodies, however, are expected to express concern that some will receive less in compensation under the new system. The streamlined SIB questionnaire is designed to help trustees of occupational schemes to locate investors' records and to decide how much compensation would be needed to reinstate that person back to where they would have been had they not been wrongly advised. Many scheme trustees complain they have been overwhelmed with paperwork and requests for information from life offices and that they are not equipped to deal with the volumes. At least one scheme is believed to have a six-month backlog of work.

☐ In a separate move yesterday Denis Brown, a member of the PIA board and a registered insurance broker, resigned his post over a *disagreement on professional* indemnity insurance cover for independent financial advisers (IFA), which pays out in the event of a claim for pensions mis-selling compensation being made against an adviser. Mr Brown said in his resignation letter to Joe Palmer, PIA chairman, that he was "profoundly troubled by the PIA's attitude in forcing members to disclose privileged documents which subsequently invalidate their PI cover".

Garry Heath, chief executive of the IFA Association, the trade body for independent advisers, said: "The regulator has been guilty of holding up the review by trying to impose requirements upon member firms which conflict with the normal terms and conditions of PI insurance."

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Nationwide raises rate for million borrowers

By Caroline Merrell and Robert Miller

NATIONWIDE, the UK's second biggest building society, yesterday surprised the housing market by announcing a 0.25 per cent increase in its mortgage rate.

Some see the rise as a climbdown *by the society on* its pledge to give the benefits of mutuality to members by offering the best mortgage and savings rates.

The society is only the second lender to react to the 0.25 per cent increase in base rates announced earlier this month.

Last week, Birmingham Midshires announced an increase in mortgage rates from 6.99 per cent to 7.24 per cent. Nationwide's variable rate will go up to 6.74 per cent on December 1, affecting a million borrowers.

The society claimed that it had to increase rates so it could give a better deal to savers. Savers with the society outnumber borrowers six to one.

Nationwide's savings rates have been increased by between 0.1 and 0.3 per cent. Others in the industry claimed the society was taking advantage of the fact that, as the housing market approaches the quiet "dog days" of winter, *it was a perfect time to restore* its margins.

On a £50,000 repayment mortgage, the rate increase means the monthly costs will rise from £319 to £326.

Philip Williamson, Nationwide's marketing and commercial director, said: "Over the next few months, many savers with converting building societies who are currently locked into accounts paying less competitive rates *of interest will be able to move* their investments. I am sure they will be attracted by our excellent savings rates and we would be delighted to welcome them as members."

In spite of the 0.25 per cent rise, Nationwide's rate still undercuts the prevailing variable rate, 6.99 per cent, offered by the majority of other lenders.

Nationwide, headed by Brian Davis, is committed to remaining mutual. Last year, it announced a series of measures that aimed to promote its mutuality to customers. These included reduced mortgage rates and enhanced savings rates. Nationwide last reduced its rates to 6.49 per cent on September 1.

Rob Thomas, UBS building society analyst, said that the rise would water down the mutuality message.

He added: "A 0.25 per cent differential between the Nationwide and other societies is not enough to make borrowers feel a strong affinity to mutuality."

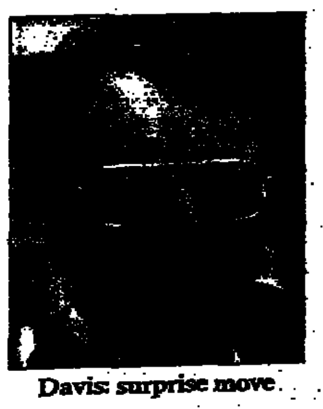
The other banks and building societies *claim they do not* intend to follow the Nationwide's rate increase immediately.

Gary Marsh, assistant general manager of the Halifax, which has a current variable rate of 6.99 per cent and 2.5 million borrowers, said: "We will have to monitor closely the impact on both savings and borrowers rates. We have no immediate plans to react to the Nationwide announcement and at the moment we still plan to wait and see what the Budget produces."

If the Halifax does increase its rates after the Budget, then most of the other lenders are almost certain to follow suit.

A spokesman for the Abbey National said the bank had no intention of raising its rates. The Woolwich echoed the Abbey and the Halifax. A spokesman said: "We are not going to improve rates in view of the improvement in the housing market."

Bradford & Bingley, another society committed to mutuality, said it too had no plans to increase its rates. A spokesman for the society said: "We are suprised the Nationwide has gone so early. We have no immediate plans to increase the rates." The society already has one of the best variable on the market, at 6.74 per cent.



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TONY WHITE

Eye on the ball: Philip de Glanville, centre, England's rugby captain, is a marketing consultant of Druid Group, the management consultancy seeking a market flotation valued at £62.9 million. Also in the line-up are, from left, John Pocock, commercial director; Rob Kimber, financial director; David Tebbs, chairman; and David Thompson, managing director

Gas drops action to recover tax

By Oliver August

BRITISH GAS pulled back from an unprecedented legal *challenge to the Government* demanding the return of £1 billion paid in taxes for offshore gas. A writ had been drawn up in July in an attempt to reclaim alleged overpayments under the 1981 Gas Levy Act. But yesterday a spokesman said: "We will not be *pursuing this claim.*"

In return, the Department of Trade and Industry dropped writs that it was taking out against gas producers to claim back money from them in case British Gas would have to be repaid.

Lord Fraser, the Energy Minister, said: "I am pleased that the matter has been put to rest without the need to resort to litigation. We will not now have to proceed with the action against the producers."

British Gas also announced that Harry Moulson, TransCo's managing director, was resigning from the board and relinquishing his post at the pipeline unit for medical reasons. Mr Moulson, 52, is taking extended sick leave and *will be replaced temporarily* by David Varney, an executive director of British Gas. The search for a replacement will begin immediately.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	3934.3	(+19.9)
Yield	4.01%	
FTSE All share	1938.79	(+7.90)
Nikkei	21206.43	(+141.35)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6263.43	(+7.83)*
S&P Composite	731.48	(-0.39)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5$\frac{5}{16}$%*	(5$\frac{1}{4}$%)
Long Bond	100$\frac{11}{32}$*	(99$\frac{29}{32}$)
Yield	6.48%*	(6.51%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6$\frac{9}{32}$%	(6$\frac{9}{32}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	109$\frac{9}{16}$	(109$\frac{13}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6465*	(1.6505)
London:		
$	1.6457	(1.6463)
DM	2.4686	(2.4677)
FFr	8.3516	(8.3502)
SFr	2.0756	(2.0751)
Yen	183.33	(183.13)
£ Index	90.6	(90.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5020*	(1.4938)
FFr	5.0775*	(5.0682)
SFr	1.2633*	(1.2545)
Yen	111.43*	(111.10)
$ Index	96.1	(96.0)

Tokyo close Yen 111.45

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$22.50	($22.65)

GOLD

London close	$381.75	($380.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Spirited

Allied Domecq, the food and drinks business, yesterday ruled out a demerger of its spirits business in the short term, saying it would instead concentrate on improving its operating performance.
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League leader

For nine of the past ten years one country has easily headed *the European economic* league on almost any test you would care to devise, writes Anthony Harris.
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Norweb Retail jobs to go

By Sarah Cunningham

AT LEAST half of Norweb Retail's 2,800 staff are set to lose their jobs after Kingfisher's purchase of the business from United Utilities for £29 million.

Kingfisher will close Norweb's 57 high street stores, its head office in Bolton and a distribution centre in Greater Manchester. Up to half of its 81 out-of-town stores are also expected to be shut. Those remaining will become part of Kingfisher's 224-store Comet chain.

Kingfisher will pay United Utilities £51 million in cash for the loss-making business, but then receive £22 million back to cover the costs of restructuring, including redundancies.

Brian Staples, chief executive of United Utilities, said "Comet will meet the same severance pay that would have been available to Norweb Retail staff if *they* had selected voluntary redundancy." United will make an "additional discretionary payment to staff who are made redundant", but it would not specify how much.

AXA to merge with rival UAP

By Marianne Curphey

AXA and Union des Assurances de Paris (UAP), the two big French insurers, yesterday revealed plans to merge to create the world's second largest insurer — and set off a *wave of market speculation in* the UK.

The announcement, which followed rumours in France that AXA would make a bid for UAP, was accompanied by a request from the two companies for their shares to be suspended in Paris.

The *move* will create an insurer with a turnover of Fr300 billion and a stock market capitalisation of Fr100 billion. Shares in Sun Life & *Provincial Holdings, which is* partly owned by UAP and was floated on the UK stock market in June, gained 6½p to 244½p, boosted by analysts' belief that the merger would be good for UAP.

Legal & General put on 7½p to 333½p amid expectations that the insurance industry would undergo more consolidation and that L&G would be a target. Guardian Royal Exchange rose 1¼p to 259½p even though Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, yesterday graded its life assurance arm BBB- (Adequate) on its ability to pay claims because of its decline in new business volumes and high expenses.

The deal is the latest in a *wave of mergers and take*overs which are sweeping the industry. The most recent in the UK was between Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance, when a £5.4 billion merger created Royal & Sun Alliance.

Claude Bébéar, AXA chairman, said: "I have always been convinced that in order to survive in the 21st century you have to have a world-scale business and a size which allows you to compete with the big boys." *Only Nippon Life* will be larger than the new company.

M Bébéar will chair the management board of the newly merged company and Jacques Friedmann, UAP chairman, will chair the supervisory board and head a committee deciding strategy. Both men said that the merger would not lead to massive job cuts. The deal involves an exchange of four AXA shares for ten UAP shares.

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Home loans from Catholic in vestments

By Robert Miller and Joe Jenkins

CARDINAL Basil Hume, leader of Britain's seven million Roman Catholics, has given his blessing to a *pilot scheme* for the Catholic Building Society to offer home loans through the Church.

The £27 million Catholic society, one *of the smallest but most respected UK* societies, will initially offer mortgages, mainly to women and low-income families through a team of unpaid volunteer representatives in the Westminster diocese. If *successful*, the project will be extended to Catholic churches around the country.

The society was founded in 1960 to *provide mortgages* for women and single mothers, by Wing Commander Paddy Byrne, a Second World War Spitfire pilot, and his wife Nona, who *is chairman of the society* and who still cooks the boardroom lunches for directors. In turn, the directors are expected to visit personally in cases where difficulties are experienced in *keeping up home loan repayments.*

Francis Higgins, Catholic's managing director, yesterday confirmed that the Catholic Church had given the green light to the society. He said: "Cardinal Hume did express serious concern that while the society and the church have always had a harmonious and happy relationship that mortgages was the *cut* and *thrust commercial* world. We have assured him that literature and information on our mortgages will only be offered on *request* and *not sold* and *that* no volunteer representatives will receive *payment* or commission. We are putting mutuality to work directly."

The 57 unpaid volunteer representatives include priests and the wife of a Methodist minister. They have been members for a minimum of five years and all have at least £10,000 personally *invested in the society. Mr Higgins* said: "They are generally middle-aged, regular church attenders."

THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bank warns of dangers in the rush for EMU

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Bank of England warned EU member states against taking economic risks in trying to meet the timetable for a single currency — emphasising that to do so might threaten economic and political cohesion across Europe.

Instead, Eddie George, the Bank's Governor, urged all EU countries to maintain policies aimed at promoting both macroeconomic discipline and structural flexibility, regardless of whether full monetary union was achieved by all member states.

In a tough speech to the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference, which closed yesterday in Harrogate, Mr George also forecast that Britain's economy probably could continue to improve. However, he added that the "accelerating upswing" would probably need to be moderated by further interest rate rises so not to jeopardise the inflation target.

Mr George urged political leaders throughout Europe to take seriously the economic "risks" when they came to make decisions about economic and monetary union.

Doubting that the political leaders who drew up the economic convergance criteria "envisaged the present hectic dash for the line — the chosen calendar deadline", he also warned member states against taking risks to meet it. "I doubt whether they envisaged either that some of the runners might be tempted to take artificial stimulants in order to get there," he said.

Mr George said that Britain's interest lay "unambiguously in a stable and prosperous Europe". He said that regardless of whether or not EMU takes place — with or without Britain — all member states need to pursue policies directed to monetary stability, fiscal sustainability and structural supply side flexibility, including free trade and market competition.

On the UK, the Governor accepted that the need to avoid putting the inflation target at risk was further complicated by the "erratically sharp" appreciation of sterling. But he added that the exchange rate could not "become an excuse" for overriding the inflation target.

Simon fears isolation

SIR David Simon, BP chairman, urged Britain to move swiftly to enter European monetary union to avoid isolation and exposure to currency fluctuations (Christine Buckley writes).

He said: "A single currency is a logical extension of the single market of which Mrs Thatcher made us a member in 1985. The market of 370 million is the key to British growth and wealth creation."

However Sir John Hoskyns, chairman of Burton Group, gave warning of the cost of entering monetary union, which has been calculated at £22 billion for retailers alone.

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Eddie George told the CBI Conference that EU member states must take seriously the economic "risks" when they make decisions about EMU

Beckett promises to cut red tape

By Our Industrial Editor

LABOUR sought to take even more of the Conservatives' ground on business when it pledged to maintain in Government the drive against regulation.

The move by Labour signals a further advance by the party's leadership into areas traditionally associated with the Conservatives, and an explicit rejection of Labour as a party of over-regulation.

Speaking at a conference breakfast, Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, said: "A Labour Government would not seek to tie up industry in red tape. We want to reduce the burden of petty regulation, and we will maintain a deregulatory drive."

She said Labour had been told by many business leaders that in spite of the Government's claims to push for greater deregulation, in practice its deregulatory efforts were being more than matched by fresh regulations.

She told the CBI: "We want to work with business to see what can be done to manage regulation better." She added that good regulation could be a "spur, not a deterrent". Mrs Beckett made it clear that Labour did not disagree with everything the Conservatives had done towards business, especially in the last two or three years, mentioning specifically Business Links, the Technology Foresight programme, modern apprenticeships and the business-led Training and Enterprise Councils. A Labour government, she said, would seek to build on such moves — many of which had originally been suggested by Labour.

Insisting there were large areas of agreement between new Labour and business, Mrs Beckett made a strong case for manufacturing industry. She said: "Manufacturing must always be the basis for our wealth." She also called on the Government to abandon its prejudices and join Europe in discussing social issues, as a new Labour government would do by signing the European social chapter, and she forecast that whatever party was in power, eventually it would sign up.

Clarke urged to show restraint

BUSINESS leaders yesterday urged Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to reject calls for tax cuts in order to fuel the "feel-good" factor ahead of the election (Philip Bassett writes).

The CBI called on the Chancellor to exercise fiscal restraint in the Budget this month and to produce measures aimed at encouraging investment and repairing public finances.

CBI leaders said that many of the economic uncertainties which concerned industry at the time of the CBI's last conference a year ago had now been resolved — mainly favourably.

Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays Bank and the CBI's economic affairs committee, gave warning that significant personal tax cuts would present as many risks to the economy as opportunities: "I am sure the Chancellor is more sensible than to listen to those calling for significant tax cuts in order to fuel a greater 'feel-good' factor, when it is already there."

HEARD IN HARROGATE

☐ **Adair Turner, the CBI's Director-General, on the CBI's innovations at its annual gathering this year:** "We have certainly tried to do a few new things at the CBI conference — new CBI, new conference, as it were."

☐ Niall Fitzgerald, chairman of Unilever, on Europe: "The truth is that the single market can't function without the European Commission and the Court to back it up. You cannot have one without the other. It's not a pick-and-mix Europe."

☐ **Margaret Beckett, Labour Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, urging business to find out the reality of Labour policies:** "If we are fortunate enough to be the next government, I don't want either business or the Government to waste the first six months trying to persuade us not to do something we never had any intention of doing in the first place."

☐ Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, on the economy: "1996 is turning out to be an average year for the British economy."

☐ **John Redwood, Conservative Eurosceptic, on economic and monetary union:** "The single currency for most of British business is all cost and no benefits."

☐ Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, on the Budget and tax cuts: "I don't believe there is an overwhelming desire for further tax cuts. Today's electorate is too cynical — sorry, realistic — to see them as anything other than a bribe."

☐ **Malcolm Rifkind, Foreign Secretary, on Britain's plan to get Europe to set aside for the UK the working time directive after yesterday's European Court decision:** "We are not talking about non-cooperation."

PHILIP BASSETT

Irish cast eyes over Far East

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

DCC, the industrial holding company based in the Irish Republic, is targeting the Far East, particularly Japan, Singapore and China, for expansion, Jim Flavin, chief executive, said yesterday.

Buoyed by a 14.7 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to Ir£11 million before exceptional gains, DCC plans to focus on forging links for its computer services sector and on small acquisitions in its healthcare division.

"The Far East is where all the action is and we are laying down seeds and forming alliances to make sure we take advantage of that," Mr Flavin said at the announcement of the company's interim results.

The sale of its share in Heitons, the Irish building provider, and the restructuring of its stake in Allied Foods together accounted for an exceptional gain in the first half of Ir£4.5 million. Including the exceptional gain, profits jumped 54 per cent to almost Ir£15.7 million, with earnings per share of 14.6p. Adjusted earnings per share were up 14 per cent to 10.13p.

Three of the company's four divisions recorded strong growth with DCC Healthcare notching up a 194 per cent increase in operating profit to Ir£2.8 million. That improvement was largely down to the inclusion of Days Medical Aids, the British mobility products company acquired last November.

But profits at DCC Sercom, the computer services division dropped 21 per cent to Ir£2.7 million in the first half because of a dramatic decline in the market for printed computer documentation.

Mr Flavin said DCC had spent Ir£17.4 million on acquisitions in the first half and had now almost completed the planned buyout of minority interests in group companies.

DCC declared a 12 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 3.04p, payable on January 9.

Labour pledges to establish new pensions advisory body

By Robert Miller

AN INCOMING Labour government will make the creation of an independent pensions body to advise about the state of retirement provision a top priority, John Denham, the party's pensions spokesman, told a conference in London yesterday.

Mr Denham, addressing the National Association of Pension Funds, said that the new body would be "independent, authoritative, properly representing the interests of employers, employees, pension providers, pensioners and consumers".

To encourage the pensions industry to provide solutions as to how a Labour government might launch a second pension so that people make better provision for their retirement, such as "stakeholder pensions" or using the existing structure of the state earnings related pension scheme for a "citizenship pension", Mr Denham proposed a new "investors in pensions" award.

He added that such an award would become a sought after commendation for pension schemes. "It would give a proper recognition of those who set the highest standards in pension provision and set a benchmark against which employers, employees and trustees could measure the quality of their own scheme."

Speaking for the Government, Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, the Social Security Minister, offered an olive branch to NAPF delegates over the complex rules and regulations of the Pensions Act, which comes into full force in April.

He said: "I am very conscious that some of the legislation requires you to look at several Acts and regulations. So I believe that we shall need to consider at what stage this legislation can be consolidated and brought together ... My challenge is 'what are you prepared to do to simplify pensions?'"

He added: "Focus on that and then let us talk about what might be possible so that together we can build on the unique strengths of the UK pension system. I can promise to look constructively at what we can hack away."

Meanwhile, John Hayes, chairman of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority, the new statutory watchdog, spoke out for the first time on the duties of "whistleblowers".

He said that the authority wanted to encourage the reporting of breaches large and small in a spirit that said it was not the end of the world to confess to a breach.

He added: "What is important in most cases in the early days is putting it right, doing so in a reasonable time, and sticking to that time."

Clubhaus pairs with Golf Fund

By Alasdair Murray

CLUBHAUS, the golf course company, is expanding into the Midlands through an agreed £12.65 million takeover of Golf Fund that owns two courses in Warwickshire and Staffordshire. The Warwickshire course, at Leek Wootton, has 45 holes and development permission for a 170-bedroom hotel, while the Seedy Mill course, at Lichfield, has 27 holes.

Robert Bourne, chief executive of Clubhaus, said the company aimed to improve operating margins at the two courses through greater purchasing power and cross-selling of facilities.

Clubhaus, which demerged from Ex-Lands earlier this year, is chaired by Alexander Baron von Spoerken, has Charlie Parker as finance director, and owns four UK courses in the South East. There are also five in Europe.

David Lloyd, the former tennis player, recently joined the board as non-executive director to advise on making facilities more attractive to families.

Clubhaus is offering 66.46 shares for every 100 Golf Fund. There is a cash and shares alternative of 44.3 Clubhaus shares plus £7.50 cash and £7.50 in nominal unsecured loan stock for every 100 Golf Fund shares.

Robert Bourne, left, Guy Buckley, development director, Charlie Parker and Baron von Spoerken

Balance warning to Woolwich savers

By Caroline Merrell

SAVERS with the Woolwich Building Society were today urged to make sure they have at least £100 in their qualifying accounts at midnight on December 31 to make sure they do not miss out on their flotation windfall.

About 3.5 million savers and borrowers are in line for the free shares, which could average out at £1,000 a person, when the society converts to a bank and floats on the stock market next year.

The Woolwich said that, in order to be entitled to the basic distribution of shares, likely to be worth £750, members must be eligible to vote at the special general meeting in February.

John Stewart, Woolwich group chief executive, said: "We have generally advised qualifying investing members to keep a minimum balance of £100. But it is important that members have advance notice of the proposed date for determining eligibility to vote."

Members also needed to have had £100 in an account on December 31, last year, to qualify.

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France Fr	8.73	8.08
Germany Dm	2.62	2.41
Greece Dr	405	380
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

News Corp raises profits by 7%

THE News Corporation, parent company of The Times, raised after-tax profits before abnormal items 7 per cent to $224 million in the three months to September 30 on revenues up 7 per cent to $2.5 billion from the first quarter of last year. Contributing to growth was the box office success of *Independence Day* and marked gains in profitability in British newspapers and American publishing.

Independence Day has grossed more than $670 million around the world, making it the third highest grossing film in box office history. The film contributed to a 150 per cent gain in operating profits at Fox Filmed Entertainment. British newspaper operations raised operating profits 18 per cent on the first quarter of last year. News Corp said that results at *The Times* were particularly robust as it continued to make circulation gains. The average daily sale in September topped 810,000, a 19 per cent gain compared with a year ago, which has contributed to a 30 per cent rise in advertising revenues.

Sedgwick resilient

SEDGWICK, the insurance broker, lifted pre-tax profits 5 per cent to £90.4 million from £76.5 million in the first nine months of the year. Brokerage and fees at £691 million and expenses at £640 million both increased 3 per cent. Sax Riley, chief executive, said market conditions had been demanding but Sedgwick's businesses had been resilient. He added: "The industry-wide reduction in insurance rating levels affected most parts of our business. In the UK there has been a particularly severe downturn in rates."

Yates to raise £7.5m

YATES Brothers Wine Lodges, the drinks retailer, is raising £7.5 million through a rights issue to fund expansion. The company is placing the shares, equivalent to 5 per cent of the enlarged total capital, at 385p with institutional investors. Dealings are expected to commence on Friday. The new shares will also receive the interim dividend of 1.44p. Existing shares rose 1p to close at 392½p. Yates recently failed in its attempt to acquire Tom Cobleigh, the pub company, which Rank ultimately purchased for £95.6 million.

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☐ Tax reasons against expensive demerger ☐ SIB to accelerate misselling review ☐ Nationwide's rapid rate reversal

Allied sums that fail to add up

☐ SO two and two does not add up to five after all, even if this negative conclusion is not going to be reflected in the fees of the various advisers who worked for months on the possible demerger of Allied Domecq.

There were still optimists yesterday who hoped that next year, or the year after, or the year after that might see the long-awaited split between drinks brands and the ill-matched retail operations. Fair enough, the market must trade on something, and that rumour has fuelled enough business since the appointment of Sir Christopher Hogg as chairman this spring. But Sir Christopher, even though he may have engineered a similar split at Courtaulds, is a man who means what he says, and he described such an exercise at Allied as an "expensive distraction".

The reasons are various but compelling. The first problem is tax. Retailing would have most of its business in Britain through Allied's 4,000-strong pub chains. The drinks side would operate worldwide, with a relatively limited turnover within these shores. The result would be a mass of advanced corporation tax arising within the spirits business that could not, as now, be relieved by UK earnings.

The second is the sheer cost of the exercise, running into hundreds of millions, including the tax bill and those advisers' fees. Third, there is some weird kind of synergy, if a limited one, between the various businesses, even if no one in their right mind would set out from scratch to create a group taking in spirits, franchised ice cream and doughnut bars and local boozers.

The best reason not to demerge is that there is enough to do without spending valuable time elsewhere. Unfortunately the decision throws into sharp relief the weaknesses of those core businesses. The pubs are the best of the lot, managing an underlying profits rise of 5 per cent on turnover up 2 per cent. Allied's chains may not be the most original, either concepts pirated from elsewhere, as with the Wacky Warehouse kiddie hellholes, or bought in from outside like the Firkin pubs, but the group knows how to run them.

The spirits operation, like all the other big drinks groups, has suffered from worldwide destocking and still has too many brands. But Allied has the added disadvantages of being, in virtually every market and every drinks sector, the second biggest brand, and of its heavy exposure to difficult trading areas such as Mexico and Spain through the ill-fated purchase in 1994 of Domecq.

These factors, and the dire state of the brewing operation since it was merged with Carlsberg, explain why the share price over the past four years has lost half its value relative to the FTSE All-Share Index, while a yield on the dividends of 6.6 per cent demonstrates the City's scepticism. The exit from brewing is now achieved and demerger speculation largely laid to rest, but it is going to be a long, slow slog from here.

Geriatric pace of pensions inquiry

☐ IT has been said here before, and every delay makes it all the more true: the personal pensions misselling review has become a national scandal. Yes, it is complex and yes, sterling efforts have been made by some life offices, notably Barclays Life, to expedite matters. But three years after the Securities and Investments

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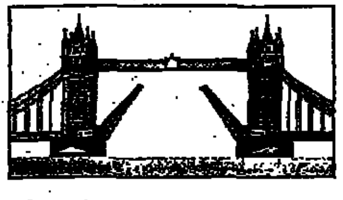

Board first formally flagged its concerns over the scale of misselling, only £50 million or so has been paid in compensation to those who lost out.

Set this against an expected compensation bill of between £2.5 and £3 billion, to which you can add a further £1 billion to cover the costs of identifying those who suffered and putting this right. How can the public, urged by politicians across the political spectrum to make more provision for their own retirement, be expected to have any faith in the pensions industry with the misselling review still so far from being resolved? Insurance companies, which should play a leading role in making sure people are well provided for in retirement, have instead been revealed as behaving like used car salesmen. They have shown scant heed for those whose financial futures they were jeopardising.

Regulators have a central role to play in restoring public confidence. Imro, the regulator for fund managers, has made firm and effective moves in this direction. It recently fined four members well over £400,000 for rule breaches in relation to pension misselling. By contrast, fellow watchdog the Personal Investment Authority, on whom the biggest part of the review falls, has fined 29 firms a total of just £16,500 for late filing or failure to file details of how their own reviews were progressing.

The SIB, the *capo di tutti capi* among regulators, will today reveal its plans for accelerating the whole mess. Perhaps now is the time to get seriously tough, and for the PIA to take a leaf out of Imro's book. As one senior Imro source put it yesterday: "Firms left to their own devices may be tempted to be concerned more with their bottom line than investors' interests. The regulator's job is to restore the balance to their thinking, and the possibility of discipline is very effective." Quite.

Marginalised by margins

☐ SO much for building societies' so-called reward schemes, which aim to spread the benefits of staying mutual among savers and borrowers rather than handing out large amounts of cash or shares to both.

The Nationwide's decision to raise mortgage and savings rates follows the less well-noted rise by the Birmingham Midshires last week. Both societies have sworn their allegiance to mutuality, and the Nationwide's reward programme is designed to prove this commitment. But the need to increase rates now shows the extent that the margins of the Nationwide are being hit by the scheme, intended to match the value of the windfalls being paid by those other societies that are going to market and converting into banks.

The margin issue is crucial for societies because of their need to attract funds in the wholesale market. To achieve this, their ratios must be in good repair. The Nationwide's previous rate of 6.49 per cent for mortgages has actually only applied since September, although it was announced with much brouhaha in July. It was well below the 6.99 per cent currently being charged by such as the Woolwich and the Halifax, which are planning to demutualise. The Nationwide is making much of its increases in rates payable to savers. But though these compare well with larger competitors, savers can still do better among the medium-sized societies. Other societies with variable rates lower than their competitors will now scramble to follow.

Windfall whingers

☐ THERE was a Peter Sellers film some years ago in which the actor played a well-meaning vicar who gave food away to the deserving poor. The result was squabbling among the needy over just who got what. All too cynical; except that every building society handing out free cash or shares to its members, the latest being the Alliance & Leicester, seems to have attracted a ginger group either after more freebies or demanding that others should get less.

Allied Domecq rules out split as wine and spirits decline

By Alasdair Murray

ALLIED DOMECQ, the food and drinks business, ruled out a demerger of its spirits business in the short term, saying it would instead concentrate on improving its operating performance (see Pennington, this page).

The company also disappointed the City with lacklustre full-year results and its shares fell 14p at 454p.

Profit before tax, excluding exceptional charges, fell 11 per cent to £575 million, while turnover slipped back slightly to £4.54 billion.

Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, said the company had examined the demerger issue but had decided that the resulting taxation costs were too high. He added there was no obvious shareholder value to be unlocked and said there were some synergies between the businesses. But the company said it would not rule out a demerger at some point, once the operating performance had improved.

The fall in overall profits was mainly caused by a 14 per cent decline in profits in the wine and spirit division to £419 million. The company said it had been forced to remove 580,000 cases of spirits from the US market due to overstocking.

Turnover fell 5 per cent to £2.7 billion as the company suffered a 5 per cent fall in volumes in the Americas, excluding Mexico, and a 1 per cent fall in Europe.

Allied has improved stocking policies and the destocking phase is now largely complete. The company hopes to make cautious price rises and is aiming to improve its brand marketing.

The retailing division, which includes pubs and fast-food outlets, increased operating profits 4 per cent to £223 million. The strongest performance came in the managed pub division — which owns brands such as Firkin, Scruffy Murphy and Wacky Warehouses — where profits rose 13 per cent to £125 million.

Profits at Victoria Wine, the off-licence chain, fell £1 million to £17 million, while franchising profits from the Baskin-Robbins and Dunkin' Donuts brands, fell 8 per cent.

Allied said it was aiming to continue the expansion of its branded pubs and would concentrate on further cost reductions. Exceptional charges totalled £311 million with the biggest cost being a book value write-off after the £205 million sale of the company's 50 per cent stake in Carlsberg-Tetley to Bass.

Allied does not anticipate any more heavy restructuring costs and is on track to cut operating costs by £35 million by the end of 1998.

The total dividend is held at 23.59p. Allied hopes to improve the dividend cover, which stands at 1.4 times, in the near future. A final dividend of 14.15p is payable on February 21.

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Overstocking hits Eurodis expectations

SHARES of Eurodis Electron, the electronic components distributor formed from a merger last year, fell 15½p to 138½p after the company gave warning that it is unlikely to improve profits this year (Paul Durman writes).

Although sales volumes remain "relatively stable", excess stocks of components have made it difficult to increase prices, putting pressure on profit margins.

Robert Leigh, chairman, said that the company is overstocked by about £2 million, and it could be a number of months before demand catches up with supply.

GA falls behind at 9-month stage

By Marianne Curphey

GENERAL ACCIDENT, the composite insurance company, suffered a fall in operating profits in the first nine months of the year but said improved life results had limited the damage.

Despite the 11 per cent drop in profit from £351 million to £311 million, GA shares rose 11p to 718½p. The insurer said that it had suffered weather losses of £58 million mainly because of the winter storms in the US earlier this year. The total worldwide underwriting deficit was £166 million.

However, there were good results from UK life and pensions sales after the integration of Provident Mutual, the mutual life insurer that GA bought in January.

Pension sales in the UK rose to £63.7 million from £22.2 million in the third quarter and now account for nearly half of GA Life's new business.

The integration of Provident Mutual is "largely complete" and the business contributed £11 million net of reorganisation costs to group profits.

GA had thought a projected £25 million full-year contribution from Provident Mutual would be eaten up by the restructuring charges. However, analysts now expect the acquisition to contribute well over £30 million to the full-year profits.

Rate rise threat to businesses

Higher interest rates could trigger a fresh round of receiverships and administrations, according to Deloitte & Touche, the accountant. Businesses experiencing financial difficulties will come under increasing pressure, and the downward trend in insolvency appointments could slow or even reverse. Appointments in October were 43 per cent lower than in the same period last year. There were 120 appointments compared with 213 in October 1995.

Cortecs delay

Shares of Cortecs International continued their slide yesterday when the biotechnology company signalled a three-month delay on one of its lead products, a capsule form of a treatment for osteoporosis, the brittle bone disease. The shares fell 14p to 191½p.

Last orders

Mark McQuater has resigned as managing director of JD Wetherspoon, the pub company, to pursue other business interests. The company said the management board would assume responsibility for day-to-day operational issues. Shares in the company fell 10p to £12.15.

Trust scheme

Mercury European Privatisation Trust (Mept) aims to reduce the discount of 15 per cent at which it is trading to between 8 and 10 per cent, depending on market conditions next year. It aims to achieve this through its share buyback scheme and a direct marketing campaign.

Martin Jay, Vosper's chief executive, saw a buoyant first half

Middle East deals lift Vosper 11%

By Oliver August

VOSPER Thornycroft, the warship builder, increased half-year profits 11 per cent on the back of three Middle East export deals while also branching out further into facilities management.

Saudi Arabia has accepted delivery of seven Minehunter ships equipped with Vosper sonar, and the second of the Fast Strike Craft for Qatar in the Gulf has reached its destination. An Omani order for Corvette ships is due to be completed later this month.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 rose from £11.4 million to £12.7 million. Earnings per share were up 8 per cent to 25.8p and the interim dividend was lifted 10 per cent to 7.5p.

More than a third of turnover now comes from activities independent of warship contracts. In the first half, Vosper finalised a five-year facilities management contract with GCHQ and signed a 15-year deal with the Royal Navy to maintain its training sites.

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CSC grows and seeks £204m

By Sarah Cunningham

CAPITAL Shopping Centres, one of Britain's largest retail property companies, plans to raise £204 million through a rights issue to support its investment programme. It has also upgraded significantly its net asset value for the second time in three months.

The company said yesterday that open market valuations of its eight completed shopping centres — including Lakeside, Thurrock and the MetroCentre, Gateshead — gave a net asset value of £1.46 billion. This is equivalent to 293p a share, 20p higher than at the last upgrading in August. It said rental growth has been "significantly above average in the retail property market."

CSC will issue one 6¼ per cent subordinated convertible 100p bond for every two 50p CSC ordinary shares held. The bonds are convertible after January 22, 1997 and before December 31, 2006 into ordinary CSC shares at 370p. CSC said the issue fits its strategy of "matching the holding of long-term assets with equity capital and long term fixed rate financing". This leaves development and acquisitions to be financed by medium-term bank financing.

CSC said its latest £250 million shopping centre, at Braehead Park, Glasgow, will open in the spring of 1999.

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Business Post ahead

PAN-EUROPEAN success helped Business Post, the UK-based business mail company, to lift its taxable profits 30 per cent to £7.7 million in the six months to September 30 (Fraser Nelson writes).

The company, which started delivering to European businesses via the Channel Tunnel last year, said demand had risen sharply. Torquil Montague-Johnstone, finance director, said it would now extend its full worldwide service.

The company will not replace Michael Kane, who is resigning as chief executive in March. Mick Jones has been promoted from head of operations to managing director.

Business Post shares rose 6p to 467½p. Earnings were 10.2p a share (7.9p). The interim dividend rises to 3.6p (3p), payable on January 3.

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Life Profits	77	53
Operating Profit before Taxation	311	351
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	346	292
Operating Earnings per Ordinary Share	44.0p	52.3p

- Operating pre-tax profit of £311m follows a profit in the third quarter up 23% at £117m.
- Strong growth in investment earnings.
- Worldwide underwriting deficit of £166m includes increased severe weather losses of £58m.
- Underwriting profit achieved in the UK.
- Good third-quarter performance in the United States.
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- Further excellent progress in the profitability of UK life and pensions sales.
- Current solvency margin 79%. Net assets per ordinary share 690p.

Group Chief Executive Bob Scott comments:
"A positive underlying performance in all our major business units worldwide has continued during the third quarter and we would expect this trend to be maintained".

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These results are available on the internet: http://www.ga.co.uk

STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Dominion may be near to East Midlands deal

FINANCIAL advisers to Dominion Resources were reckoned to be burning the midnight oil last night in an attempt to pave the way for an agreed bid for **East Midlands Electricity**.

Word from the Square Mile suggests a deal may be close with the US power generator ready to offer between 650p and 660p a share, provided it gets the backing of the East Midlands board. Such terms would value the regional electricity company at £1.28 billion.

Shares of East Midlands again crept higher yesterday, *ending 7½p up at 611p, in* anticipation of the terms from Dominion, or the appearance of a second bidder.

Dominion was forced to disclose its hand last week after a sharp rise in the East Midlands share price, but it said it would not be paying much above 608p a share.

Elsewhere, a strong performance overnight on Wall Street and further gains among government securities put equities in good stead. In the event the FT-SE 100 index closed near its best of the day with a rise of 19.9 at 3,934.3, although turnover remained thin with only 657 million shares changing hands.

A stock shortage continued to power **Dixons** sharply higher, with the price adding 18½p to 566p as 2.1 million shares changed hands. A survey from *the British Retail Consortium* said high street sales had continued to grow during September, with those of electrical goods particularly promising in the run-up to Christmas. Cazenove is reckoned to have further cheered investors by raising its profit forecast. UBS and Warburg are also reckoned to be buyers of Dixons and only last week NatWest Securities increased its rating to a "buy".

Also in the retail sector, **Blacks Leisure** rose 10p to 325p. **Body Shop** 8p to 211½p. **Hamleys** 14½p to 439½p, **Next** 6p to 546p, and **Tie Rack** 3p to 187p. But **Burton** slipped 3p to 144½p as rumours persisted it *might bid for* **House of Fraser**. ½p firmer at 136½p. **Signet Group** was steady at 25½p as Salomon Brothers emerged as a holder of nine million shares, or 3.09 per cent.

The proposed merger between AXA Midi and UAP focused attention on **Sun Life**, up 6½p at 244½p. **Cookson** shrugged off recent weakness to score a 10p rise at 222½p. Overnight the group reported a sharp increase in its bill-to-ratio sales. But **RTZ** fell 14p to 912½p *reflecting a profits* downgrade by Kleinwort Benson, the broker.

Thistle Hotels, a newcomer, finished 3p better at 165½p after some positive comments from Merrill Lynch, the broker. ***Reckitt & Colman dipped*** 7p to 705p as a line of 2.2 million shares went through the market. SBC Warburg placed them with institutions *at 706p as part of a delayed* trade.

Allied Domecq fell a further 13p to 454p after it finally put paid to speculation that it intended to demerge its spirits and retail operations. Sir *Christopher Hogg, chairman,* said he wanted to develop the group's two main businesses as leaders in their respective industries. He added: "The best way to improve share*holder value is to improve* operating performance".

His remarks coincided with full-year figures showing pretax profits tumbling 11 per cent to £575 million. The dividend was pegged at 23.59p in spite *of suggestions it would be cut.*

The shares now stand just 22p above their low for the year.

A better than expected set of half-year figures lifted ***Amersham International*** 23½p to £10.26. Brokers expressed satisfaction with the 22 per cent rise in the half-year payout to 6p.

General Accident surprised the market with an underwrit*ing profit of £9 million in its* third-quarter figures in spite *of the continuing difficult trad*ing conditions being experienced by the insurance market. The figures were also underpinned by a jump in its life and pensions business. The shares responded with a rise of 10½p to 718½p.

But there was a lukewarm response to third-quarter figures from **Sedgwick**, the insurance broker, with the price adding 1p to to 124p. The modest rise in profits was better than the City had been going for, but brokers remain *unexcited about its prospects.*

Evidence of a strong order book at **Vosper Thornycroft** failed to cut much ice with the market as the price firmed 1p to 836p. Profits in the first six months of the year grew from *£11.4 million to £12.7 million.*

A profits warning left **Eurodis Electron** nursing a fall of 15½p at 138½p. The group says interim figures will fail to match those achieved during the corresponding per*iod last year.*

Demand remained sluggish with destocking responsible for much of the group's difficulty.

The current strength of the pound looks like being good *news for* **Eurocamp**, the camping holiday specialist, where the price firmed 3p to 189p. The group said that there had been a surge in late bookings.

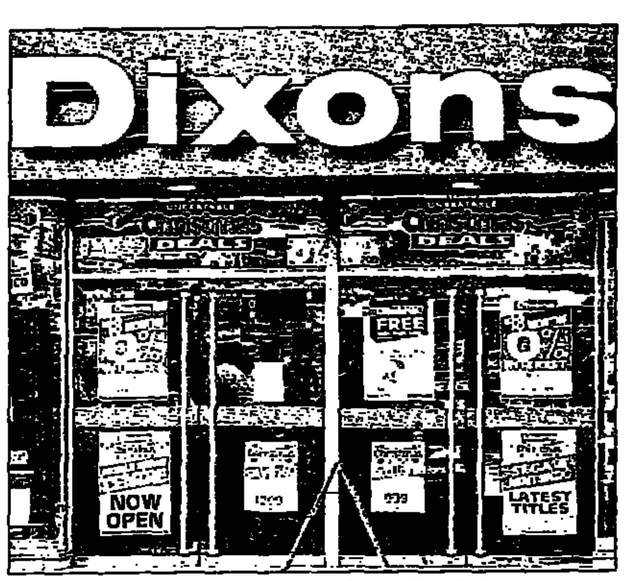
The announcement that Mark McQuater had resigned as managing director of **JD Wetherspoon**, the pub chain, to pursue other interests left the shares 10p easier at £12.15.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The market retreated after a firm start as sellers emerged at the higher levels. Volumes generally remained at low ebb with investors reluctant to open fresh positions before today's inflation numbers.

In the futures pit, the De*cember series of the long gilt* saw its lead cut to just five ticks at £109⁹⁄₁₆ as the total number of contracts completed rose to 50,000.

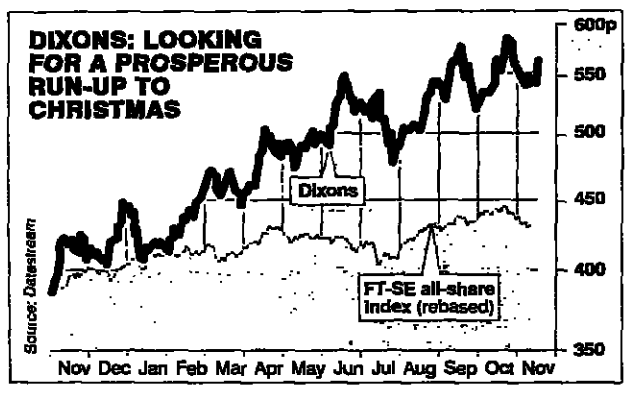
In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 also rose nine ticks to £101¹⁵⁄₃₂*, while among shorter* dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £⅛ firmer at £102¹⁵⁄₁₆.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street stocks posted only modest gains at midday, with the *Dow Jones industrial average* shaking off an earlier bout of profit-taking after a four-day bull run. The index was up 7.83 points to 6,263.43.



Sales of electrical goods are promising in the Christmas run-up

British Airways climbed 10p to 592p as 5 million shares were traded. City speculators expect the Government to approve the proposed link-up with American Airlines. It will give the two companies the lion's share of the north transatlantic market *and. brokers say, boost the share price even further.*



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	6263.43 (+7.83)
S&P Composite	731.48 (-0.39)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	21206.43 (+141.35)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	12806.31 (+34.45)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	597.59 (+0.49)
Sydney:	
AO	2343.5 (-14.6)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2734.30 (+5.98)
Singapore:	
Straits	2128.17 (+10.94)
Brussels:	
General	10041.89 (+32.16)
Paris:	
CAC-40	2229.13 (+23.93)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	806.40 (+1.50)
London:	
FT 30	2775.3 (+10.7)
FT 100	3934.3 (+19.9)
FTSE Mid 250	4404.8 (+9.0)
FTSE 350	1963.5 (+8.6)
FTSE Eurotrack 100	1793.69 (+7.11)
FT All-Share	1938.79 (+7.90)
FT Non Financials	2027.1 (+7.0)
FT Fixed Interest	115.42 (+0.04)
FT Govt Secs	93.84 (+0.11)
Bargains	35454
SEAQ Volume	659.3m
USM (Datastrm)	201.31 (+0.08)
US$	1.6467 (+0.0008)
German Mark	2.4682 (+0.0012)
Exchange Index	90.6 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2861
£:SDR	1.1350
RPI	153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Beaufort (3)	4	...
Beechcroft	4	...
Brands Hatch Leis	172½	- 2
Britt Allcroft	159½	...
Charles Taylor	164½	...
Corp Exec Search (3)	4¼	+ ¼
Deep Sea Leisure	164½	...
First Russian Frts C	605	...
Geo Interactive Md	96	+ 4½
Healthcare Reform	99½	...
Jardinerie Interiors	122½	...
John David Sports	299½	+ 2
Loftus Road (72)	68½	- 4½
Majestic Wines	204½	...
Mears Group	11¼	...
Mondas (75)	90½	...
Oriental Restaurants	236½	+ 29
Scot Highland Htls	137½	...
Ultra Electronics	304	+ 4

RIGHTS ISSUES

AG Holdings n/p	12½	...
Bridport-Gundry n/p	3	- 2½
Capital Inds n/p (175)	5½	...
European Leis n/p	13½	...
Perkins Foods n/p (74)	7¼	- ¼
Springwood n/p	82½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Biocomps Intl	575p (+48½p)
Adam & Harvey	310p (+20p)
London Clubs	329p (+13p)
Dixons Gp	568p (+18½p)
Blacks Leis	325p (+10p)
GUS	595½p (+12p)
Osborne & Little	775p (+15p)
Smiths Inds	789½p (+14p)
Br Airways	592p (+10p)
Delphi	620p (+10p)
ICI	779½p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Shield Diag	125½p (-14p)
Cortecs	191½p (-14p)
Capital Radio	552½p (-25p)
Allied Dom	454p (-14p)
Psion	397½p (-10p)
Forths Ports	630p (-12½p)
De La Rue	57½p (-10p)
Scotia	585p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Meet the AXA man

THE chairman of AXA probably said all the wrong things about the proposed merger of his company with UAP. Extolling the virtues of size — "now we are the big boy" is not what shareholders want to hear from companies that announce mega-mergers. To make matters worse for investors, he went on to deny that *the merger would lead to any redundancies.* Add to that the premium being offered to UAP *investors* and you have something that looks remarkably like "folie de grandeur".

Putting the two companies together does create an insurer of massive scale with two powerful brands. It also provides AXA with a stake in the huge German insurance market in the form of UAP subsidiary Colonia. However size does not equate with *profits unless the two* groups can rationalise distribution networks in *their huge French operations.* Their is ample scope for this and AXA talks of savings of Fr1 billion per year, at least half of which will have to come from cost-cutting.

Nevertheless, assuming a bid value of Fr146 per UAP share, AXA is paying a *27* per cent premium to most estimates of UAP's net asset value. For that it gets more *exposure to* less-profitable general insurance and, at the same time, is taking on UAP's *balance sheet,* weakened by its heavy exposure to French property and a write-off *last* year of Fr2.9 billion. But the bid has a curious wrinkle: UAP shareholders *are* being offered certificates guaranteeing them an extra Fr32 per share if *AXA stock* fails to perform. That gives AXA a special incentive to make the deal work and deliver the cost-savings promised. If it does, the company could cause trouble to its competitors.

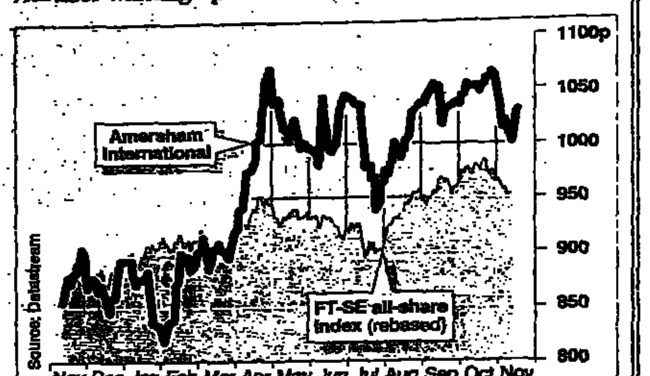
Amersham

AMERSHAM International has given investors an un*steady ride* over the past couple of years. Distribution problems, a decline in the market for traditional radioactive chemicals and industry *consolidation have* held back sales of its research and laboratory equipment.

The worst now seems to be over. A series of deals has given it better distribution in the US, Japan and Europe *and the big drugs companies* are once again spending heavily on R&D. But there is a more exciting reason to own Amersham shares. The race is on to unlock the genetic code, the hottest re*search sector in life sciences* and a new DNA sequencing licensing agreement with Roche and Perkin Elmer should put Amersham at the forefront of this market.

Amersham supplies the sequencing enzymes and instrumentation that *help* researchers to locate and identify DNA structures.

The market potential is enormous. The ability to read DNA sequences would enable doctors to determine whether patients are *predis*posed to a certain disease. Advance warning opens the door to *more effective pre*ventive medicine rather than *expensive* and uncertain cures. Ultimately fewer illnesses mean lower healthcare bills, something governments around the world are *striving for.* If Amersham can piggy-back on the competitors in this market, it should offer investors an exciting ride.



Vosper Thornycroft

VOSPER THORNYCROFT, the warship builder, recently hit the *headlines with plans* for a stealth ship that could slip through enemy lines undetected by radar. But so far the ship is little more than a pencil sketch on a drawing board, the warship equivalent of the futuristic slipstream vehicles displayed at *motorshows.*

The revolution at Vosper has also been low profile. Five years ago, the company's core business accounted for 95 per cent of turnover. This is not necessarily a bad *thing but for a company in a* field as dependent on politics as warship contracts. Vosper was stacking too many eggs in one basket.

Diversification since then has been gradual, leading to *the well-balanced picture* presented in yesterday's half-year results. Non-core activities now account for 35 per cent of turnover, close to the company's long-term target of 40 per cent. The shift has been towards facilities management, one of the faster growth sectors in the UK. A £20 million contract to service antennae at GCHQ has been agreed and a joint bid with GEC for the Portsmouth Dockyard is under way.

Meanwhile, Vosper has maintained a high profile in its core business with a place on almost all warship tender lists around the world. Export turnover growth is still almost twice growth in non-core turnover. The company is steering a clear course and has no need for stealth measures, vis-à-vis investors.

CSC

CAPITAL Shopping Centres hardly needs an extra £203 million. The property group has one of the least-geared *balance sheets in the sector* with a debt-to-equity ratio of about a third and could easily accumulate more borrowings. But unlike most of the rest of the sector, its business is growing and an opportunistic company is filling its pockets while the market is still enamoured with retail *property and bond yields are* still attractive.

By any standards CSC's portfolio is showing extraordinary growth — Lakeside's value has increased 15 per cent since December — fuelled by turnover-based rents. Meanwhile, CSC has a capital commitment to invest more than £200 million in a new shopping centre in Glasgow. CSC is getting *long*-term money at 6¼ per cent with a conversion into equity at 370p, almost a 25 per cent premium to *net* asset value. Of course, Liberty Life is supporting the issue but few property companies could achieve those rates and the spare cash gives CSC the firepower to bid when another *big shopping centre is put on* the market.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Dec	894-893	Mar	1006-1001
Mar	925-924	May	1020 SLR
May	945-944	Jul	1035-1025
Jul	962-960	Sep	1048-1035
Sep	978-977		
Dec	992-990		*Volume:* 4353

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1513 BID	Jul	1375-1370
Jan	1447-1445	Sep	1370-1360
Mar	1398-1367	Nov	1367-1360
May	1366-1365		Volume: 3097

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	307.2-306.0
Spot: 312.7		Oct	302.1-300.5
Dec	*305.3-305.0*	*Dec*	*305.1-302.0*
Mar	304.5-04.4	Mar	307.1-03.0
May	305.3-04.8		Volume: 2077

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	90.23	139.05	103.39
(+/-)	-0.79	+12.83	+2.56
Eng/Wales	90.04	139.34	103.02
(+/-)	-0.06	+12.93	+3.42
(%)	n/c	+7.0	-3.0
Scotland	98.91	139.40	106.77
(+/-)	-1.97	+12.39	+2.67
(%)	-29.0	+23.0	+2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.30	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Dec)	22.80	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Jan)	22.50	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	23.25	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	23.15	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	228 (-6)	230 (-6)
Gasoil EEC	220 (-7)	222 (-7)
3.5 Fuel Oil	114 (-1)	115 (-1)
Naphtha	221 (-2)	224 (-3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	210.75-11.00	Mar	195.50-96.00
Jan	207.00-07.25	Apr	188.75-89.25
Feb	201.75-02.00		Vol: 27226

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	22.93-22.85	Mar	21.60-21.62
Jan	22.52-22.53	Apr	21.12 BID
Feb	22.08-22.09		Vol: 37335

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		***BARLEY*** (close £/t)	
Nov	97.25	Nov	92.40
Jan	99.05	Jan	93.75
Mar	100.90	Mar	95.00
May	102.10	May	96.00
Jul	103.25	Sep	92.50
Volume: 394		*Volume:* 64	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	63.2
Apr	72.0	71.2
May	unq	80.2
		Volume: 44

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Nov 92.25-92.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 96	1545	1495	1510
Dec 96	1500	1450	1450
Jan 97	1440	1360	1375
Apr 97	1455	1370	1375
Vol: 507 lots		Open interest: 3721	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2105.0-2106.0	2023.0-2024.0	165900
Lead ($/tonne)	730.50-731.00	735.00-735.50	250975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1041.0-1041.5	1063.5-1064.0	413025
Tin ($/tonne)	5990.0-5995.0	5940.0-5945.0	22090
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1434.0-1435.0	1457.5-1458.0	1587225
Nickel ($/tonne)	*7120.0-7122.0*	*7233.0-7235.0*	*56298*

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom	420	37½	49½	44½	9½	11½	14
(*455)	460	11	18½	24	26	31½	28½
ASDA	110	10½	12½	15	1½	3½	4½
(*118)	120	5	7	9½	3½	7½	9
Boots	600	25	37½	46	15½	20½	26
(*611½)	650	6	15½	22½	46	51	58
Br Airways	550	48	62	66½	7	12½	18½
(*592)	600	19	33	39	26	32	41
BP	650	32½	45½	54	17	28½	34
(*657)	700	13½	25½	31½	49½	55	62
Br Steel	160	11½	16½	19½	3½	5½	10½
(*169½)	180	3	7½	10½	15½	17	22½
C & W	460	28	40	49	10½	16½	24
(*478)	500	9½	20	29	30½	37½	44½
CU	600	50	59½	65	6	17½	21½
(*638)	650	15½	30	38	24	43	46
ICI	750	46½	60½	66½	10½	20	31½
(*779½)	800	19	32	44	32½	51½	57½
Land Sec	700	24½	40	48½	10	16½	25
(*718)	750	6	16	23	42½	45	54
M & S	460	35½	46	50½	3½	7½	12
(*490)	500	11	22	27	19½	24	29½
Nat West	650	44	52½	60½	9½	25½	32
(*677)	700	17	26	36	33	53	59½
Safeway plc	330	28	36½	41	4	9½	16
(*354)	360	10½	19½	24½	17	23	30½
Sainsbury	330	23	32	35½	4	8	13½
(*346)	360	7	15	19	18	21½	28½
Shell	950	57½	75	80½	8	25½	29½
(*994)	1000	26½	44	51	26½	45	52½
Smkl Bch	750	44	59½	73½	14	26	34½
(*772½)	800	19½	34½	46	40	51	59
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1600	105½	130½	160½	32	61½	70½
(*1651½)	1700	57½	84	109½	80	111	119
	Series	**Nov**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Nov**	**Jan**	**Apr**
BAT Ind	420	11	25	35	4½	13	26
(*426)	460	0½	10	16½	34	37	52
Vodafone	220	19½	22	27	0	4	7
(*239)	240	3½	10½	17½	4½	12	15½
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	460	16	19½	29	2½	20	25
(*463)	500	0	5½	13½	37	48½	51
Ladbroke	180	16	21	24	0	2½	6½
(*196)	200	1	8	12	5	9½	14½
Utd Bisc	200	5½	14	18	1½	7	11
(*204½)	220	0	5½	9	15½	19	23½

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	460	33	44½	52	4½	10½	14½
(*488½)	500	10	21½	29½	21	27½	31
Thames W	550	25½	39	48½	12	21½	34
(*557½)	600	6½	17½	25	44	48½	64½
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BTR	220	18½	25½	27½	0	4	9
(*238)	240	2½	13	15½	4	10½	16½
Br Aero	1100	50	93	99½	1	18	30½
(*1147½)	1150	13½	52	71	13	37½	51
Br Telecm	330	28½	33	37½	0	6	9½
(*356)	360	4	13½	20	5½	19½	21½
Cadbury	500	9	27½	34½	2½	14	23
(*506½)	550	0	7½	13½	43½	45½	55
Guinness	420	29½	37	43	0	5	12½
(*445)	460	1	14	21	15½	23	32½
GEC	360	9	19½	26½	2	10½	15
(*365½)	390	0	7	13	26½	29½	31½
Hanson	110	6½	10	—	0	4	—
(*110)	119	1	5½	—	3½	9½	—
LASMO	210	4	13½	16	2½	8	10½
(*201½)	230	0	6½	8	19½	20	22
LucasVarity	240	7	17½	23½	2	9½	13½
(*244½)	260	0½	8½	14½	15½	20	24½
Pilkingtn	160	3	10	14½	2	6½	8½
(*160½)	180	0	3	6½	19½	20	21
Prudential	420	38	49	54½	0	5	11½
(*457½)	460	6	23	29	7	19	28½
Redland	420	6½	22½	30	3½	15	24½
(*420½)	460	0	7½	13	39½	41½	50
R-Royce	240	10	21	24	1	9½	12
(*249)	260	0½	11½	15½	11½	13½	22
Tesco	300	22	31	36½	0	4	10
(*321½)	330	1½	12½	19½	9½	16½	24
Williams	330	14	—	—	1	—	—
(*343½)	360	0	—	—	17	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3902½)

	3800	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050
Calls						
Nov	132½	82	37½	9½	1	1
Dec	164	124½	88	56	32½	16½
Jan	184½	146	112	81	58	38
Feb	210	172½	141	107	85	61½
Jun	268½	—	204½	—	152½	—
Puts						
Nov	1	2	7	29	74	124
Dec	30	30	45	66	94	131½
Jan	34	46	62½	83	111	143½
Feb	52	65	82½	102½	129	158
Jun	*105*	—	139½	—	187½	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Dec	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Abbey Nat	600	52	66	73	2½	16	21
(*649)	650	17	35	44	17½	38	43½
Amstrad	140	22	—	—	1	—	—
(*159½)	160	8½	—	—	7½	—	—
Barclays	950	25½	59½	67½	18	46	54
(*951)	1000	8	28½	42½	51	77	84
Natl Pwr	400	37	46	—	3½	9	—
(*436)	450	5	18½	—	23	29	—
	Series	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo W	950	43	62½	76½	22	43½	52
(*970)	1000	20½	38	53½	50	71	79½
HSBC	1250	69	97	121½	21½	51½	69½
(*1288½)	1300	43½	68½	94½	42	76	93½
Reuter	750	36½	49½	63	20½	37½	44½
(*751)	800	11½	27½	41½	53	68½	72½
Royal & Sun	394	36	43½	—	3½	15	—
(*422½)	431	12½	21½	—	17½	32	—
	Series	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
Blue Circ	360	31	37½	43½	1½	4½	11
(*397)	390	9½	19½	25	11	14½	24
	Series	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Kingfshr	600	43½	54	61	15	26½	32
(*619½)	650	19½	29	37	40½	53	58
	Series	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Unilever	1350	28	57½	67½	18	29	49½
(*1369½)	1400	5	32½	42½	50	57	77
	Series	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Br Gas	180	14½	19½	21½	1½	4	8½
(*192)	200	4	9½	12	9½	13	18½
Dixons	550	28	45	56½	8	19	29½
(*566)	600	6	21½	32½	36½	46	51½
EMI Group	1200	57½	85	111½	12	32	41
(*1237½)	1250	28	58½	84½	32½	55	63½
Tarmac	80	9½	12½	13½	0½	2	3
(*88)	90	3	6½	8	4	6	7½
Hillsdwn	160	19½	23½	25	0	2	5
(*178½)	180	5	10	12	5	8½	14
Lonrho	130	8	11½	13½	1½	5½	7
(*135½)	140	3	6½	8½	6	11	12
Sears	80	8	—	—	0½	—	—
(*87)	90	2	—	—	4	—	—
Thorn EMI	1500	93½	—	—	9	—	—
(*1585½)	1600	19	—	—	40½	—	—
Tomkins	240	19½	24½	30	1½	7	8½
(*259½)	260	7	13½	19	9	15	17½
Lloyds TSB	300	25½	32½	37½	1	8½	13
(*302½)	330	6	14½	21	11	23½	28
Scot Pwr	294	30½	35	—	0½	4	—
(*322)	323	9	16½	—	7½	15½	—

November 12, 1996 Tot: 50917 Calls: 23820 Puts: 27097 FTSE Calls: 5160 Puts: 12415

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 Previous open interest: 63041	Dec 96	3932.0	3950.0	3928.0	3942.0	11207
	Mar 97	3957.0	3960.0	3957.0	3957.5	133
FTSE 250 Previous open interest: 4193	Dec 96				4433.0	0
	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 521402	Dec 96	93.61	93.62	93.61	93.62	11173
	Mar 97	93.36	93.39	93.35	93.36	9911
	Jun 97	93.06	93.10	93.05	93.06	12491
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.36	99.36	99.35	99.35	562
	Jun 97	99.17	99.19	99.17	99.18	1257
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1113014	Dec 96	96.78	96.80	96.78	96.80	10765
	Mar 97	96.78	96.81	96.78	96.80	21767
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 145082	Dec 96	109-14	109-24	109-10	109-18	50411
	Mar 97	108-24	108-24	108-18	109-26	243
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	123.73	124.10	123.73	124.03	4462
	Mar 97	122.89	123.21	122.89	123.14	1500
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 280019	Dec 96	100.62	100.74	100.57	100.71	114407
	Mar 97	99.60	99.70	99.60	99.72	2592
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 27738	Dec 96	95.82	95.83	95.81	95.83	676
	Mar 97	95.82	95.83	95.82	95.83	429
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 92756	Dec 96	98.10	98.15	98.10	98.12	4480
	Mar 97	98.06	98.12	98.06	98.09	12014
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 98179	Dec 96	125.55	126.55	125.48	126.28	59727
	Mar 97	125.00	125.60	125.00	125.48	467

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 6⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis): *Buy: 2 mth 5¹⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 5¹⁵⁄₁₆ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅞ ; 3 mth: 5⅞ .*

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5³¹⁄₃₂-5²⁹⁄₃₂	6-5³¹⁄₃₂	6¹⁄₁₆-6	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6³⁄₁₆-6⅛	6¼-6³⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₃₂-6⅜
Interbank:	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6³⁄₁₆-6⅛	6¼-6³⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₃₂-6⅜

Overnight: open 6 , close 6½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¹⁄₁₆	n/a	6⅛	6¼	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6³⁄₁₆-6⅛	6⅛-6³⁄₁₆	6⁹⁄₃₂-6⁷⁄₃₂	6¹⁵⁄₃₂-6¹³⁄₃₂
Dollar CDs:	5.29	n/a	5.38	5.45	5.69
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6¹⁄₁₆	6³⁄₁₆-6⅛	6¼-6³⁄₁₆	6⅜-6¹¹⁄₃₂

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5³⁄₁₆-4¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3³⁄₁₆-3¹⁄₁₆	3⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆	3¼-2¾
French Franc:	3½-3¼	3⅝-3½	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	3⅝-2⅞
Swiss Franc:	1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⁷⁄₁₆	1¾-1⅝	1¹³⁄₁₆-1¹¹⁄₁₆	1¹³⁄₁₆-1¹¹⁄₁₆	2-1
Yen:	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $381.60-381.90 **Close:** $381.50-382.00 **High:** $382.10-382.60 **Low:** $381.00-381.50 **AM:** $381.60 **PM:** $381.90

Krugerrand: $381.00-384.00 (£231.25-233.25)

Platinum: $388.00 (£235.30) **Silver:** $4.87 (£2.955) **Palladium:** $118.25 (£71.70)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for November 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.74656-2.7711	2.7671-2.7699	¾-⅝pr	2⅛-2pr
Brussels	50.800-50.960	50.818-50.915	16-11pr	45-38pr
Copenhagen	9.4770-9.4980	9.4838-9.4928	2¼-1¾pr	6½-5¼pr
Dublin	*0.9953-0.9990*	*0.9959-0.9977*	*6-2pr*	*18-12pr*
Frankfurt	2.4662-2.4708	2.4672-2.4700	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-13/4pr
Lisbon	249.75-250.62	249.98-250.21	¼-⅛ds	¾-¼ds
Madrid	207.28-208.20	207.95-208.16	9-20ds	20-38ds
Milan	2487.8-2498.7	2487.8-2491.3	28-43ds	68-90ds
Montreal	2.1964-2.2074	2.1969-2.1990	0.60-0.55pr	0.122-0.113pr
New York	1.6462-1.6542	1.6462-1.6472	0.125-0.105pr	0.358-0.327pr
Oslo	10.362-10.384	10.372-10.382	⅞-⅝pr	⅞-⅝pr
Paris	8.3440-8.3640	8.3482-8.3549	2¼-1¾pr	6½-5¼pr
Stockholm	10.884-10.914	10.884-10.903	⅞-⅝pr	¾-¼pr
Tokyo	*183.01-184.45*	*183.22-183.44*	*⅞-⅝pr*	*2⅝-2⅜pr*
Vienna	17.351-17.389	17.360-17.379	⅞-⅝pr	1½-1¼pr
Zurich	2.0735-2.0774	2.0742-2.0770	⅞-⅝pr	2½-2¼pr
Source: Extel		*Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*		

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2695-1.2703
Austria	10.53-10.54
Belgium (Com)	30.86-30.87
Canada	1.3337-1.3342
Denmark	5.7555-5.7575
France	5.0676-5.0686
Germany	1.4975-1.4980
Hong Kong	7.7320-7.7325
Ireland	*1.6515-1.6535*
Italy	1512.92-1513.42
Japan	111.10-111.20
Malaysia	2.5222-2.5232
Netherlands	1.6792-1.6802
Norway	6.2941-6.2961
Portugal	151.75-151.80
Singapore	1.4000-1.4010
Spain	126.17-126.20
Sweden	6.6125-6.6225
Switzerland	*1.2590-1.2595*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6470-1.6497
Australia *dollar*	2.0919-2.0945
Bahrain dinar	0.6175-0.6295
Brazil real*	1.7028-1.7072
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7480-0.7580
Finland markka	7.4100-7.5260
Greece drachma	387.75-394.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.7292-12.7486
India rupee	58.64-59.60
Indonesia rupiah	3827.0-3895.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4900-0.5000
Malaysia ringgit	4.1557-4.1594
New Zealand dollar	2.3232-2.3269
Pakistan rupee	65.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	*5.9600-6.0840*
Singapore dollar	2.3071-2.3092
S Africa rand (com)	7.7230-7.8250
U A E dirham	6.0100-6.1340

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	2,400	Lloyds TSB	5,800
ASDA Gp	2,800	LucasVarity	3,900
Abbey Ntl	2,400	Marks Spr	2,600
Allied Dom	6,300	NatWst Bk	3,800
Argos	372	Nat Grid	4,800
AB Foods	816	Nat Power	2,000
BAA	3,600	Next	1,100
BAT Inds	5,600	Orange	16,400
BOC	258	P & O	1,100
BP	8,400	Pearson	1,500
BSkyB	3,900	Pilkington	2,800
BTR	7,000	PowerGen	2,100
BT	18,200	Prudential	4,300
Bk of Scot	2,100	RMC	394
Barclays	1,600	RTZ	2,800
Bass	800	Railtrack	3,500
Blue Circle	1,300	Rank Group	1,300
Boots	1,600	Reckitt Col	6,000
BAe	672	Redland	1,100
BA	5,200	Reed Intl	564
Brit Gas	4,600	Rentokil	2,300
Brit Steel	4,200	Reuters	2,900
Burmah Cstl	794	Rolls Royce	3,700
Burton	8,700	Royal & Sun	3,200
Cable Wire	1,500	Royal Bk Sct	1,300
Cadbury	1,300	Safeway	2,900
Carlton Cms	1,100	Sainsbury	1,100
Cm Union	721	Schroders	175
Courtaulds	1,200	Scot & New	521
Dixons	2,200	Scot Power	2,200
EMI	1,800	Svrn Trent	597
Enterpr Oil	2,200	Shell Trans	3,200
GKN	633	Siebe	1,300
GRE	711	Smkl Bch	3,500
GUS	3,800	Smith Nph	5,400
Gen Acc	2,100	Smiths Inds	1,900
Gen Elec	3,900	Std Chartd	1,300
Glaxo Well	3,200	TI Gp	592
Granada	1,400	Tate & Lyle	222
Grand Met	3,400	Tesco	1,100
Guinness	3,000	Thames W	1,400
HSBC	2,000	Tomkins	1,700
Hanson	9,600	Unilever	3,800
ICI	1,600	*Utd Utilities*	1,200
Imp Tob	6,400	Utd News	547
Kingfisher	1,200	Vodafone	8,900
LASMO	3,200	Whitbread	2,400
Ladbroke	5,100	Wilms Hld	888
Land Secs	1,300	Wolseley	572
Legal & Gn	4,500	Zeneca	1,800

WALL STREET

	Nov 12 midday	Nov 11 close
AMP Inc	34¼	33⅞
AMR Corp	86½	86
ASA	40⅞	40⅛
AT & T	37⅛	37⅛
Abbott Labs	52⅛	53⅛
Advanced Micro	20⅞	20⅛
Aetna Life	68½	68⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	30⅞	31
Air Prod & Chem	67⅛	67⅛
AirTouch Comm	26⅞	27
Alberto-Culver B	47⅞	47⅛
Albertson's	34⅞	34⅞
Alcan Aluminm	33¼	33⅞
Alco Standard	47⅞	46⅞
Allied Signal	70⅞	71
Alum Co of Am	60	59⅞
Amax Gold Inc	5⅛	5⅛
Amerada Hess	55⅞	55⅛
Amer Brands	48⅞	49⅞
Amer El Power	42⅛	42
Amer Express	50⅛	50
Amer Genl Corp	38⅞	38⅛
Amer Home Pr	63⅞	64
Amer Intl	109⅞	110⅛
Amer Stores	40⅛	40⅞
Amer Standard	36⅞	36
Ameritech	55⅞	55
Amoco	75⅞	75⅞
Anheuser-Busch	41⅞	41⅛
Apple Computer	25⅞	26
Archer Daniels	21⅛	21⅛
Armco	3⅞	4
Armstrng Wrld	69⅛	69⅛
Asarco	26⅛	25⅞
Atl Richfield	133⅞	133⅞
Auto Data Pro	42⅛	42⅛
Avery Dennison	67⅛	69⅞
Avon Products	56⅞	56⅞
Baker Hughes	35⅞	35⅞
Baltim Gas & El	28	28
Banc One	42⅞	42⅛
BankAmerica	99⅞	98⅞
Bank of NY	33⅞	33⅞
Bankers Tr NY	84⅛	84⅛
Barnett Banks	39⅞	40⅛
Bausch & Lomb	37⅞	37⅞
Baxter Intl	43⅞	43⅞
Bectn Dickinsn	41⅞	43
Bell Atlantic	61⅛	61⅛
Bell Industries	18	17⅞
BellSouth	40⅞	40⅞
Black & Decker	36⅞	36⅞
Block (H&R)	27⅞	27
Boeing	92	93
Boise Cascade	28	28⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	112⅛	113⅛
Browning Ferris	25⅞	26
Brunswick	24⅞	24⅞
Burlington Nthn	86	85⅞
CMS Energy Corp	31⅛	31⅛
CNA Financial	102	101⅛
CPC Intl	80	80
CSX	44	44⅛
Campbell Soup	81⅛	81
Can Pacific	26⅞	26⅞
Carolina Pwr	36⅞	36⅞
Caterpillar	72⅛	73⅞
Central & SW	27⅞	27⅞
Champion Intl	41⅞	41⅛
Chase Manhat	88⅞	88⅞
Chevron Corp	65⅞	66⅛
Chrysler	32⅞	32⅞
Chubb Corp	51⅛	51⅛
Cigna Corp	136⅛	136⅞
Citicorp	101⅛	101⅛
Clorox	110	110
Coastal Corp	44⅞	44⅛
Coca-Cola	51⅛	52
Coca Cola Ent	46	45⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	93⅞	94⅞
Columbia Gas	60⅞	60⅞
ColumbiaHCA	38⅞	38⅞
Compaq Comp	75⅞	76⅛
Comp Ass Int	60⅞	60⅞
Conagra	52⅞	52
Conrail	96⅞	96⅛
Cons Edison	29⅞	28⅞
Cons Nat Gas	54⅞	55⅞
Cooper Inds	41⅞	41⅛
CoreStates	50⅞	51
Corning Inc	39⅞	39⅞
Crown Cork	50⅛	50⅞
Dana Corp	30	29⅞
Dayton Hudson	37⅞	37⅞
Deere	39⅞	39⅞
Delta Air Lines	78⅛	75⅞
Deluxe Corp	33⅞	33⅞
Digital Equip	39⅞	36⅞
Dillard Dept St	32⅛	32⅞
Disney (Walt)	70⅞	70⅞
Dominion Res	39⅞	39⅞
Donnelley (RR)	31⅛	31⅛
Dover Corp	52⅞	52⅞
Dow Chemical	80⅞	80⅞
Dow Jones	33	32⅞
Dresser	32⅞	32⅞
Duke Power	48⅞	49
Dun & Bradstreet	22⅞	22⅞
Du Pont	94⅞	94⅛
Eastman Chem	53⅞	53⅞

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Eastman Kodak	83⅛	82⅞
Eaton Corp	65	65⅛
Edison Intl	20⅞	20⅞
Emerson Elec	99⅛	97
Engelhard Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Enron Corp	44⅞	44⅞
Entergy	28⅞	28⅞
Ethyl Corp	8⅛	8⅛
Exxon	89⅞	90
FMC Corp	70⅞	70⅞
FPL Group	47⅞	47⅞
Federal Express	42⅞	42⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	38⅞	39⅞
First Bk Sys	67	67⅞
First Union Rlty	9⅞	9⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	51⅛	51⅞
Fluor Corp	68⅞	68⅛
Ford Motor	31⅞	31⅛
GTE Corp	43⅞	43⅛
Gannett	77	77⅞
Gap Inc Del	32⅞	32⅞
Genentch	36⅞	36⅛
Gen Dynamics	69⅞	69⅞
Gen Electric	103⅞	102⅞
Gen Mills	58⅛	58⅞
Gen Motors	57⅞	55
Gen Reinsurance	157⅞	155⅞
Gen Signal	41⅞	42⅞
Genuine Parts	44⅞	44⅞
Georgia Pac	71⅛	72
Gillette	75⅞	75⅞
Glaxo Wellc ADR	31⅛	31⅛
Goodrich (BF)	42⅞	42⅞
Goodyear Tire	48	48⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	32⅛	32⅞
Great Wstn Fin	28⅞	28⅞
Halliburton	61⅛	61⅛
Harcourt General	50⅞	51
Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	36⅞
Hercules	47⅞	47⅞
Hershey Foods	51	51⅛
Hewlett Packard	48	47⅞
Hilton Hotels	31⅛	31⅞
Home Depot	54⅞	56⅞
Homestake Mng	15⅞	15⅞
Honeywell	66⅛	66⅞
Household Intl	91⅛	91⅛
Houston Inds	23⅞	24
Humana	19⅛	19⅛
ITT Corp	43⅞	42⅞
Illinois Tool	77	76⅛
Illinova	27⅞	27⅞
INCO	32	31⅞
Ingersoll Rand	42⅞	42⅞
Inland Steel	16⅞	16⅞
Intel Corp	127⅞	123⅞
IBM	134⅞	134⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	43	43
Intl Paper	42⅞	43
James River Va	30⅞	30⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	50⅞	51⅛
Kellogg	68⅞	67⅞
Kerr-McGee	63⅛	64
Kimberly-Clark	95⅞	96⅛
Kmart	9⅞	9⅞
Knight-Ridder	38⅛	39
Lilly (Eli)	78⅛	77⅛
Limited Inc	17⅞	18
Lincoln Nat	50⅞	49⅞
Litton	48	47⅛
Liz Claiborne	42⅛	41⅞
Lockheed Martin	90⅞	90⅞
Louisiana Pac	21⅛	21⅛
MCI Comm	28⅛	28⅛
Marriott Int	55⅞	55⅞
Marsh & McLnn	111⅛	111⅛
Masco Corp	34⅞	34
May Dept St	48⅞	48⅞
Maytag Corp	19⅛	19⅛
McDonalds	47⅞	47
McDonnell D	55⅞	55⅛
McGraw Hill	46	46
Mead Corp	57	57
Medtronic	68⅛	68⅛
Mellon Bk	65⅞	66
Melville Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Merck Inc	80⅞	81
Merrill Lynch	76⅛	76⅛
Microsoft	144⅞	143⅞
Minnesota Mine	81⅛	81⅞
Mobil Corp	118⅞	117⅞
Monsanto	40⅞	40⅛
Morgan (JP)	87	87⅛
Motorola Inc	51⅛	50
Natl Semi	22⅞	22⅛
Natl Service Ind	34⅞	34⅞
Navistar Int	9⅞	9⅞
NY Times A	36⅛	36⅞
Newmont Mng	47⅞	47⅞
Niag Mohawk	8⅞	8⅞
Nike B	56⅞	57⅞
NL Industries	7⅞	7⅞
Noram Energy	15⅛	15⅛
Nordstrom	42⅞	40⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	87⅞	88⅞
Nthn State Pwr	48⅞	48⅞
Norwest Corp	43⅞	43⅞
Nynex Corp	45⅞	45⅞
Occidental Pet	24⅛	24⅛
Ohio Edison	21⅛	21⅛

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Oracle	45⅛	45⅛
Oryx Energy Co	20⅞	20⅞
Overseas Ship	17	16⅞
Owens Corning	39	38⅞
PHH Corp	47⅞	47⅞
PPG Industries	59	59⅞
PNC Bank	37	37⅞
PP&L Res	24⅞	24⅞
Paccar Inc	59⅞	60⅞
Pacificorp	21⅛	21⅛
Pac Enterprises	30⅞	30⅞
Pac Gas & Elec	23⅛	23⅛
Pac Telesis	34⅛	34⅛
Pall Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Parker Hannifin	37⅛	37⅛
Peco Energy	27	27⅛
Penney (JC)	51⅛	52⅛
Pennzoil	51⅛	51⅛
Pepsico	32⅛	31⅛
Pfizer	88⅛	88⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	37⅛	37
Phelps Dodge	66⅛	65⅞
Philip Morris	99⅞	99⅛
Phillips Pet	41⅛	41
Pitney Bowes	56⅞	57⅞
Polaroid	40	40⅞
PriceCostco	21⅞	21⅛
Procter & Gmbl	103⅞	103⅞
Providian	49⅞	49⅞
Pub Serv E & G	28	28
Quaker Oats	37⅞	37⅞
Ralston Purina	76⅛	75⅞
Raychem Corp	79⅞	79⅞
Raytheon	49⅞	50⅞
Reebok Intl	38⅞	38⅞
Reynolds Metals	56⅞	56⅞
Rockwell Intl	60⅞	60
Rohm & Haas	76⅞	76⅞
Royal Dutch	164⅞	165⅞
Rubbermaid	22⅞	23
SBC Comms	49⅛	49
Safeco Corp	38⅛	39⅛
St Paul's Cos	54⅞	54⅞
Salomon Inc	45⅞	46
Sara Lee Corp	39	39
Schering Plough	69⅞	69⅞
Schlumberger	99	99⅛
Seagram	38	38⅞
Sears Roebuck	50	50
Shell Trans	98	98⅞
Sherwin Wllms	54⅞	54⅞
Skyline Corp	27	27⅞
Snap-On-Tools	32⅞	32⅞
Southern Co	22⅞	22⅞
Sprint Corp	41⅛	41⅛
Stanley Works	29	29⅞
Sun Company	23	22⅞
Sun Microsys	62⅛	63⅛
Suntrust	46⅞	46⅞
Supervalu	30	30⅞
Sysco Corp	34⅛	34⅛
TRW Inc	94	94⅛
TCC Inds	1⅛	1⅛
Tandem Comp	13⅛	13⅛
Tandy Corp	39⅛	39⅛
Temple Inland	51	51⅛
Tenneco	50⅞	50⅞
Texaco	96⅞	97⅛
Texas Inst	56⅞	56
Texas Utilities	41⅛	41⅛
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United Tech	134⅛	134
Unocal Corp	37⅛	38
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WMX Tech	34⅞	34⅛
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Xerox	48	48⅞
Yellow Corp	14⅞	15⅛

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

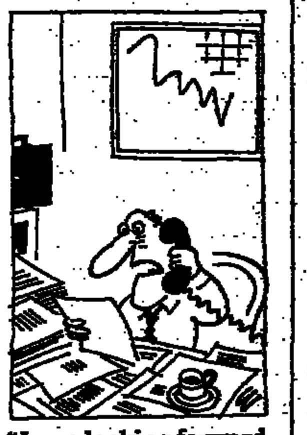
Hand in hand at Ronson

HOWARD HODGSON raised eyebrows yesterday, after Christine Pickles was appointed acting finance director at Ronson, where the former funeral director holds sway.

Miss Pickles, who moves into David Moffatt's seat, enjoys a mite more than a professional relationship with Mr Hodgson. "It's the sort of thing that happens in offices," says James Roe, Ronson's chairman. "It's got nothing to do with the business," he insists. Mr Roe, who is also standing down because of pressure of work, is to be replaced by company doctor Shaun Dowling. A former Guinness executive, Mr Dowling will be in a good position to keep an eye on the love birds.

On the ball

SAVE & PROSPER, sponsor of the rugby internationals at Twickenham, has picked the winners in the competition run by the City Diary to name the sponsor and the new England captain. Readers Chris Mallows, of Horsham, West Sussex; David Lovenbury, of Orrell Park, Liverpool; and Adam Willmott, of Fulham, west London, all plumped for Philip de Glanville as captain and win tickets for the match between England and Italy. In spite of a dozen entries from Nicholas Dargan, a management accountant at Exco, not one of his numerous entries was picked. Next time Nick, don't just photocopy the same entry, at least try different handwriting.



"I was looking forward to a 48-hour week"

Gins up

IN the face of falling profits at Allied Domecq, Sir Christopher Hogg and Tony Hales went to the cinema last night, with the Queen. The chairman and chief executive were at the Royal premiere of *True Blue*. As sponsors of the University Boat Race since the American mutiny in 1987, Beefeater was supplying martini at the star-studded premiere.

Song for Sly

EDGAR BRONFMAN Jnr, Seagram's CEO, has turned tail on the dog-eat-dog world of business, and penned the slushy theme song for Sylvester Stallone's new film. Under the testosterone-packed pseudonym "Sam Roman", he has horrified colleagues who think it takes a rottweiler to run a £14 billion drinks empire. "*Just your breath in the night/ can make me feel all right/ when you sigh as you're/ drifting away/ Oh baby*" is just a taste of Bronfman's lyrics from *Wherever There is Love*. One wonders what tipple the crooner was taking.

Web of intrigue

PENSIONER Patrick Mountain yesterday launched his own site on the Internet for investors angry at the Alliance & Leicester's conversion terms. Users can source background information, see what the action group has achieved and view suggestions on how to protest. There is also a blank page for the building society to respond.

MORAG PRESTON

Unlike the building societies, Kenneth Clarke is not expected to provide the sort of big giveaways in the Budget that will encourage shoppers to spend

Our mutual friends restore the needed 'feel-good' factor

Caroline Merrell finds that everyone's a winner in the Great British giveaway

If Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, stood up in the House of Commons in two weeks' time and announced an 8p reduction in the basic rate of tax, the Opposition and indeed the City would accuse him of economic suicide. Yet that is precisely the economic result that four leading building societies will achieve next year and some Conservative leaders hope it might be the turning point in their fortunes.

Such a budgetary giveaway would almost certainly be a trigger for a bonanza in consumer spending, pushing up the rate of inflation, adding to the pressure on interest rates, which in any case edged up a notch last month.

While the building society conversion payouts are not due until next summer, millions of households will be told in the months before the election just how much they can expect and will no doubt be calculating how to spend their good fortune when the election is called.

A total of £16 billion is being given to building society members. It will be fed into the economy next year without the need for a dash for votes at the Budget. The Halifax, Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Northern Rock could be involved in the biggest switch of capital to equities the UK has ever seen. In addition, Bristol & West is set to be taken over by the Bank of Ireland. If all the conversions go ahead, about 20 million people will become shareholders in the converted building societies. This figure is higher than the number of shareholders introduced to the stock market during more than a decade of popular capitalism.

In addition to these four society floats, Norwich Union is also anticipated to float before the end of next year. It could release shares worth £3 billion to £4 billion, benefiting three million policyholders.

If the four society floats follow the pattern of the Abbey National, about a quarter of the new shareholders will sell their shares in the first year, many will sell in just a few weeks, with a further 25 per cent selling out in the following four years. Even so, a £4 billion cash injection into the economy is the equivalent of 2p off the basic rate of income tax.

Rob Thomas, UBS building society analyst, believes that the society flotations would almost certainly be inflationary. He said: "They could add up to 2 per cent on spending, which is around the £450 billion mark."

A report carried out by Harris Research on behalf of Nikko Europe analysed what effect the conversions could have on the economy. The research company questioned 2,000 people about what they planned to do with the payout. It found that those people who planned to spend their windfall were likely to choose to go on a holiday or travel, were interested in buying clothes or improving their homes.

The report predicted that about £500 million to £750 million extra would be added to the sales in this sector. The money could also be spent on domestic appliances, televisions and music centres. The jewellery and toy industries are also expected to get a modest boost.

Two societies, the Cheltenham & Gloucester and the National & Provincial, have already gone through the process of converting. The Cheltenham & Gloucester was taken over by Lloyds Bank last year, with members receiving a total of £1.8 billion.

Unlike the other four societies poised for conversion, the payout was made in cash. According to Harris Research about two thirds of the money was saved, while one third was spent on, among other things, holidays and home improvements. However, the Cheltenham & Gloucester payout arrived when consumer confidence in the UK was still at a low ebb. The first real signs of recovery in the housing market had not begun to show, and many people were still concerned about losing their jobs. This time round many more people may be encouraged to spend.

The National & Provincial takeover by the Abbey National earlier this year also released about £1.35 billion in the form of cash and shares into the economy. The majority of the National & Provincial's 1.4 million members opted to take cash rather than shares: the minimum payout was £500, the maximum £3,500, and the average was £1,323. Payouts arrived in August. About £600 million of the cash has already been removed from the Abbey National — a fair proportion is likely to have been spent.

Simon Briscoe, Nikko Europe economist, said: "It is still unclear where this money has gone. Spending figures over the last month have been pretty erratic. An extra £100 million spent, which would only be a tenth of the £1 billion cash released in the takeover, would add 1 per cent to the retail figures."

The latest retail figures show that high street sales have risen steeply, at the fastest rate since the 1988 boom. Some of this extra spending will almost certainly be related to the cash removed from the Abbey National after its takeover of National & Provincial.

The general effects on spending of the flotations may be difficult to quantify, but one thing is certain — some of the biggest beneficiaries of the building society bonanza will be the highly paid teams of advisers taken on to get each of the societies to market. In its transfer document, issued last week, Alliance & Leicester revealed that the costs of conversion would hit the £58 million mark. The total bill for all four of the flotations could be as high as £400 million.

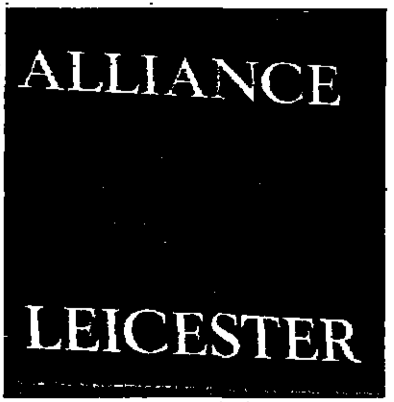
Among those to benefit will be the Post Office, and the Royal Mail. Halifax, for instance, will have to send out transfer documents and other relevant information to each of its nine million members. The total bill for its postage is expected to be between £10 million and £20 million.

Alliance & Leicester anticipates spending £8 million on mailing its 3.5 million members five times during the conversion process. The Royal Mail last year made profits of £354 million from dealing with 17.5 billion first and second class letters. One billion more letters will considerably boost its profits.

The teams of highly paid lawyers hired for the conversion process will also find 1997 a bumper year.

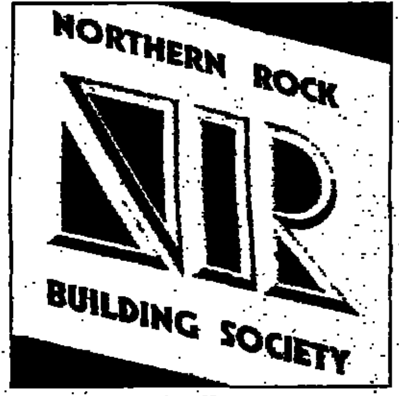
Linklaters & Paine, the City law firm, has nearly made a clean sweep of the honours, handling conversions for the Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Halifax. Its 162 partners who, according to the monthly magazine, *Legal Business*, bring average profits to the firm of £381,000 annually, can look forward to a cash bonanza.

Top lawyers often charge fees of £500 an hour — a third of which translates in to profits. Their fees will make a considerable dent in the total costs of conversion. The spoils on the merchant bank side are to be divided up between J P Morgan, the US bank, and Schroders.



A&L: members will receive £1,000

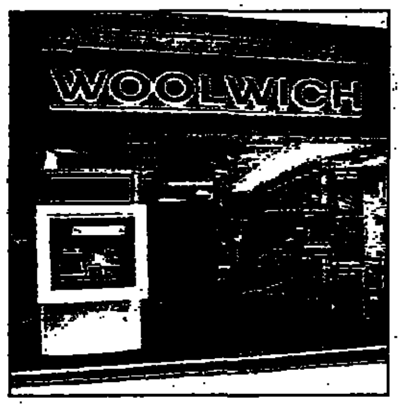
Halifax: £1,000 to shareholders



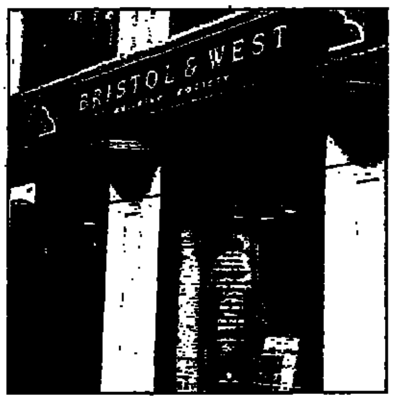
Northern Rock: offers £900 payout

NORWICH UNION

Norwich Union: £500 to members



Woolwich: £1,000 for shareholders



Bristol & West: plans to pay £700

ANTHONY HARRIS

Waiving the rules: the Irish miracle

John Major likes to claim that Britain has the strongest economy in Europe. Fair enough as a Chirac-tease; but not true, and by a long way. For nine of the past ten years one country has easily headed the league on almost any test you could devise. The Irish Republic has the fastest growth, the highest investment, the strongest trade balance, and the fastest job creation in the EU. Now it can add the lowest inflation and the tightest budget — and, not surprisingly, the strongest currency in the exchange-rate mechanism.

Read figures, and swallow hard. GDP growth has averaged more than 7 per cent over the past three years. The visible trade surplus is nearly 20 per cent of GDP — despite a consumer boom and a construction boom. Perhaps the figures, especially for trade, need to be read a shade sceptically? Possible. A notoriously undisciplined border with Northern Ireland encourages mass smuggling when Republic duties on drink, tobacco or fuel rise more than a little above UK rates. But no plausible correction would alter the big picture: this is an Irish miracle.

But an example to us all? An uncomfortable one, if you share the conventional Euro-wisdom. The Irish miracle owes nothing to tax cuts, deregulation, or privatisation. Taxes have until recently been raised, not cut. The economy is still riddled with subsidies, so revenue is wasted. Yet the national debt has been reduced by a third, measured against GDP, without what the European Commission calls "Treasury transactions". The main utilities are still publicly owned. Cost inflation has been controlled not by competition or tight money, but by a successful incomes policy.

Meanwhile, the main stimuli which have made it all happen are not exactly Euro-neighbourly. Investment has been attracted by corporate taxes which are not just low, but an offence again the very idea of harmonisation; and total growth has been sustained by two almost stealthy devaluations, in 1986 and 1993 — both handily blamed on Britain. Indeed, one further paradox of the Irish miracle, Irish freedom from sterling — proclaimed with much premature chest-beating in 1978 — has been only a temporary liberation. After many adventures, the two currencies are almost exactly at parity again.

This begs two obvious questions: why does it all work? And how do they get away with it? One central secret is the most mobile labour force on earth (a leftover from the great potato famine of 1848). This is a country where at times a third of the adult men of working age have found jobs in Britain, many of them eager to return home at any whiff of opportunity. Many are in the US and do not move back so readily. This supply of expatriates means that the Irish labour market cannot ever get tight: and Irish managers in the US and UK also help to steer new projects to the old country. No other country would wish to mount such a diaspora: but at least they can note the economic advantages of open immigration.

As for getting away with it, there is nothing to beat being small and remote. If Ireland were a main competitor, and its 10 per cent corporate tax was on offer just across a frontier from France, European summits would quickly degenerate ito snarling matches. But with less than a tenth of the French population, and 300 miles of sea to lend detachment to the view, the Irish can qualify as mascots — the European equivalent of the champions that Michael Heseltine wants to identify among British service providers. See, Europe does work, for some at least: and aren't they the darling people, anyhow?

It would be more accurate just to call them the lucky people; and after centuries of the other kind, why not? More people might celebrate if they could take a stake in the new success story; but the Republic has one more oddity up its sleeve. The equity market is almost invisibly small. As in Germany, you can only really get in through the banks.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Hibernation time on the home front

From Mr K.A. Yeomans

Sir, It is surely not surprising that monthly mortgage lending is heading for "winter hibernation" (Setback to home loans recovery, *The Times*, October 29).

There is every indication of a future increase in the bank rate. Every 1 per cent will result in an additional annual repayment of £500 on a £50,000 mortgage. Even the prospect of a penny in the pound reduction in income tax — that yields £200 annually on £20,000 of taxable income — does not inspire confidence in the purchase of property. This is particularly so since investment in property is no longer perceived as a reliable hedge against inflation.

Yours faithfully,
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Hertfordshire.

Small firms' success is essential to Britain's recovery

From Mrs Barbara Roche, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green (Labour)

Sir, Your business pages (November 4) report a survey showing that managers in small businesses lack key skills.

The report — from the Institute of Management — makes alarming reading. A majority of those surveyed considered that they lacked vital skills in strategy and planning, training and development, marketing, sales and leadership. They are confused about where to find the training they need and the training courses they had experienced were too often targeted at large companies. The report concluded that the success of the small business sector is being threatened by this lack of skills.

Government ignores these findings at its peril, and at Britain's. Ensuring appropriate training is available is a key priority for Labour. Our University for Industry will mean that firms — including small ones — will be able to access training from a PC in their workplace at a time and pace to suit them. We strongly believe that if Britain is to become competitive again it is essential that small firms are helped to succeed.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA ROCHE,
House of Commons, SW1.

Audit Commission memo and the dropping of extortion cases

From Ms Melanie Raizon

Sir, As the solicitor involved at the time, may I come to the defence of Jason Nissé over his article "Bribe-seeking officials escape prosecution" (October 14)?

The internal Audit Commission memo he obtained contradicted the claim, repeated in the commission letter criticising him (*The Times*, October 22), that extortion cases are dropped only for lack of evidence. The memo stated: "If what [the complainant] says is true it looks as though" the officer was engaging in corruption. In short, the memo stated it should not be investigated because, even if true, it was not to be treated as criminal. The commission did not ask for the evidence, so Mr Vevers is inaccurate in implying corruption was not pursued due to "lack of evidence in an individual case".

Your readers should be aware that if they fall victim to what Mr Nissé described as the commonest form of exacting bribes, and which Professor Zander says is criminal, their case will not come before the courts. Other officials will take their decision not to prosecute.

Yours faithfully,
MELANIE RAIZON,
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Letters to the Business section can be sent by fax on 0171-782 5112.

Surprises from the Goldfish

From Mr Martin Rutland

Sir, I write in reply to Annabel Geddes's letter (Business Letters, November 1), in which she states that the Goldfish credit card might sink rather than swim because it was offered to someone who is not a British Gas customer.

I am happy to advise that Goldfish cardholders can also redeem the savings they make every time they spend with the card at any Asda store against groceries, petrol, clothing and a variety of other goods.

You'll continue to be surprised at what you can do with a Goldfish!

Yours faithfully,
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Eml Excel	90.87	96.67	+0.49	2.81
Brit Frntle Acc	115.80	123.20†	+0.20	4.59
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Global Opps	100.90	107.40†	+0.20	
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Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	428.60	458.60†	+3.20	2.34
European Sel Inc	*98.70*	*101.50*	*+0.10*	6.45
Exempt	83.37	88.88†	−0.71	2.84
500	507.70	554.30	+0.30	2.35
General	326.60	349.70†	−2.10	2.55
Property	247.50	265.60		5.09
Trustee	227.50	243.50	−1.60	2.31
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†		5.33
Distribution #	113.00	113.50	−0.30	6.06
Extra Income #	136.50	145.00†	−0.80	4.82
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.99	61.06	+0.20	7.87
Income #	590.70	632.80	−2.50	4.61
Income Builder #	69.05	73.65	+0.22	5.35
Intl Income	71.12	75.66	+0.29	2.47
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	142.90	153.00	−1.20	1.96
FTSE 100	101.00	107.50	−0.90	2.62
Leisure	129.00	137.40	−0.80	0.76
Recovery	493.70	[illegible]	−1.30	2.59
Smlr Cos Inc	58.90	63.13	−0.15	2.34
Special Sits	399.30	428.50	−2.30	1.46
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	175.50	186.20†	−0.25	0.37
F East Gwth Acc	289.10	309.00	−0.10	1.39
Far East Gwth	172.30	[illegible]	−0.10	1.29
Euro Gwth Inc	192.60	[illegible]	−1.60	0.30
-do- Accum	209.60	222.10	−1.70	0.30
Japan	132.40	147.00	−0.50	
-do- Accum	140.00	148.70	−0.50	
Japan Spec Sits	64.49	68.72	+0.06	
Worldwide	196.50	208.50	−0.80	0.32
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	136.10	143.70	−0.20	
Amer Smlr Cos	155.00	166.30	+0.80	
Convertibles	60.43	64.62	+0.02	3.60
Eastern	292.50	314.79	−1.50	0.30
Equity Income #	98.58	105.50†	−0.45	4.20
European Growth	362.10	385.80	−3.20	0.80
Europe	356.60	381.50	−5.00	0.80
German Growth	86.39	92.14	−0.29	0.50
Global Bond	21.77	23.56	−0.08	6.25
Global Growth	143.80	152.50	−0.30	0.10
Japan Growth	184.70	196.40		
Japan Summit	150.70	160.00	−0.35	
Korea Trust	54.55	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Portfolio	144.10	154.00	+0.60	2.00
-do- Accum	273.00	291.90	−1.00	2.00
UK Growth	105.70	113.60	−0.50	2.02
UK Smaller Cos	97.42	105.50†	−0.10	1.50
Select Managers	32.23	34.73	−0.15	1.30
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	33.92	34.63	−0.98	
Special Opps Inc	58.64	62.29	−0.31	
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	140.75	149.41†		1.42
-do- Accum	164.36	173.95		1.42
Smaller Cos	155.48	164.53†		0.66
Higher Yield #	56.75	60.56†		4.12
American Gth Inc	162.63	172.60		
European Growth	163.40	172.91		0.13
-do- Accum	166.69	176.39		0.13
Global Bond Inc #	25.69	[illegible]		6.39
Alloyd Pacific Inc	52.32	55.41†		1.45
-do- Accum	54.75	57.39		1.45
Intl Spec Opps	165.43	175.12		
Pacific Gth	142.62	150.98		0.04
UK General #	96.87	102.44	..	2.95
-do- Accum #	103.57	107.62		2.77
Japan	53.46	56.51		
Gilt & Fixed Int #	101.07	102.74		8.29
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.49	67.34	+0.01	6.45
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	190.19	199.60	+0.90	1.82
UK Growth	211.80	222.40	−1.70	2.16
UK Income	147.60	155.20†	+0.70	4.47
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	234.40	248.50	+1.20	1.59
-do- Income Dist	125.70	133.20†	−0.30	3.76
-do- Accum	411.50	436.20	+1.30	3.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	41.09	43.19	−0.16	6.30
Growth Units	254.20	271.90	+1.60	2.00
Bond	176.70	186.00	+0.50	6.50
Intl Growth	243.20	258.80	+0.20	0.20
North American	261.50	277.80	+0.30	0.11
Far East	298.90	319.70	−0.50	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	221.70	237.10	−0.60	0.95
European	97.05	102.80	+0.50	0.54
Japanese Growth	43.02	46.26	+0.20	
High Income	218.70	233.60†	+0.70	4.22
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	219.70	230.20†	−0.30	
European Inc	93.88	99.55	+0.50	0.42
Smaller Cos (4-1)	109.30	116.30	−0.20	1.46
Growth	545.60	580.50	+4.10	2.02
Income & Growth #	455.80	484.90	+1.90	3.88
-do- Accum #	689.00	733.00	+2.40	3.88
Japan & Gen	61.66	65.46		
Master Portfolio	£120.97	£125.39†	+230.00	1.80
-do- Accum	£148.02	£155.03	+285.00	1.80
Special Sits	126.20	134.30	−0.40	2.00
High Yield	£14.59	£15.05†	+5.00	4.39

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	101.88	108.52	−0.19	1.85
American Portfolio	124.66	132.36	−0.48	1.01
European Portfolio	138.54	145.34†	+0.52	0.63
High Income	51.82	51.95†	+0.15	7.56
Japanese Portfolio	63.71	67.53	−0.11	
Pacific Portfolio	154.68	166.33	−0.31	1.08
UK Equity	96.47	103.07†	+0.11	3.45
UK Equity & Bd	57.41	60.83	+0.11	8.38
UK Smlr Cos	51.28	54.85	−0.04	1.25
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	*769.27*	*780.89*	+2.41	4.28
Fxd Int Sec	157.27	157.91	+0.78	9.06
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	759.65	771.13	−2.02	4.38
Investment Acc	£35.02	£35.55	−9.40	
Fixed Int Inc	126.68	127.38	−0.21	9.11
Fixed Int Acc	231.09	232.01	−0.39	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	89.53	94.42†		3.98
Beck Bio-Tech	42.13	45.87		..
Acorn Ethical Tst	186.67	195.98		0.45
City Fin Assets	79.42	83.40†		2.31
City Fin Intl	88.94	93.39†		0.46
Friars Hse Cap	314.38	334.45		2.52
Buckley Wrld Gth	137.38	145.62		
J Sal Inc/Gth Inc	56.08	58.89		3.26
Shaw Utilities	56.79	57.80†		6.30
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	52.89	56.12	−0.03	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	80.75	85.90	+0.20	
Dragon Growth	*71.04*	*75.97*	*+0.34*	0.39
Equity High Inc	88.79	95.14	−0.08	4.24
-do- Accum	128.51	137.71	−0.12	4.24
Extra Income Inc	26.56	27.97†	+0.09	7.49
Extra Income Acc	29.22	30.78	+0.10	7.49
European Gwth	63.41	67.28	+0.32	0.86
Evergreen	31.48	33.66	+0.07	0.02
General Equity	104.16	110.51	+0.24	2.92
Japan Growth	45.29	48.18	+0.03	
Pedigree Gwth	64.03	68.65	+0.18	2.38
Pel Sm Cos Inc	37.65	40.48†	−0.12	1.41
-do- Accum	40.14	43.16	−0.12	1.41
Retirement Inc #	27.09	29.27	−0.01	6.09
Special Sits	46.33	49.82	+0.15	2.35
UK & Overseas	60.07	63.74	+0.53	0.57
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 888 000				
Balanced	69.45	72.34	+0.18	4.17
Capital	83.04	86.49	+0.19	2.65
High Income	51.60	53.74†	+0.24	6.75
Top 50	55.92	58.25	*+0.28*	2.83
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	192.78	200.81†	+0.16	4.58
Long Gilt	43.58	45.38†	+0.27	6.11
Monthly Inc Plus	50.07	52.16	+0.20	8.59
Preference Share	47.16	49.13†	+0.22	7.93
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	140.66	146.52†	+0.04	5.82
Managed Fund	76.31	79.49†	+0.26	2.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	63.50	66.73	−0.04	1.70
-do- Accum	63.23	65.86	−0.06	1.70
UK & General	*97.49*	*101.56†*	*+0.49*	*2.91*
-do- Accum	128.28	133.63†	+0.65	2.91
UK Growth	198.63	206.91	+0.82	1.36
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	209.63	218.57	+2.23	0.66
Far Eastern Gth	132.28	137.79	+0.22	0.02
Global Bond	78.02	81.27†	+0.18	6.10
Japan Growth	105.39	109.78	+0.23	
North Amer Gth	*241.85*	*252.03*	*−0.09*	
Oriental Growth	82.88	86.33	+0.15	0.27
Worldwide Growth	72.27	75.28	+0.24	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.87	*91.87†*	+0.01	5.24
Homemaker Fund	90.25	96.01	+0.42	1.57
Quilter Fund	154.68	164.55	+0.90	1.94
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	35.74	38.24		4.34
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	180.00	191.50†		2.91
Income	72.71	77.35	+0.31	4.99
European	75.18	79.98	+0.60	0.90
Recovery	186.70	198.60	−0.10	2.68
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9484				
Equity Dist	1001.90	1016.00		3.45
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	*112.60*	119.70†	+0.20	1.15
Income #	285.30	303.50†	+1.00	4.61
-do- Accum #	761.60	810.20	+2.50	4.61
Smaller Cos	236.40	251.40	−0.30	0.86
-do- Accum	293.40	312.10	−0.40	0.86
Gth Portfolio	102.30	108.80	+0.40	1.30
High Inc Port #	83.29	88.60	+0.26	4.29
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1834				
Euro Small Cos	1645.80	1692.10		
Japan Small Cos	1096.00	1114.70		0.01
UK Small Cos	2270.00	2301.10		2.87
US Small Cos	2092.50	2163.70†		0.86
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	230.60	242.70†		3.04
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	172.60	183.60	+1.20	1.76
UK High Inc Inc	177.30	188.60	+1.30	3.78
-do- Accum	243.00	258.50	+1.80	3.78
UK Pref & F I Inc	60.08	63.73	+0.25	5.80
Envrnmtl Opps	98.52	104.80	+0.58	0.96
UK Smlr Cos #	69.60	74.04	−0.17	0.80
Extra Income Inc	49.73	52.90	+0.21	7.86
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	177.00	187.20		0.43
Convertibles #	23.00	24.47		5.72
Equity Income #	142.00	150.90	+0.90	3.98
Eurofund	63.29	67.12	+0.38	0.60
Financial	56.17	59.68†	+0.22	1.51
Growth & Inc #	288.80	306.90	+1.50	2.85
High Dist #	177.40	188.50†	+0.80	4.51
International	429.80	456.70	+0.90	0.11
Intl Cap Inc	102.70	109.60†	+0.30	2.46
Latin American	31.34	33.30	+0.06	
Pacific	80.36	85.38†	+0.38	
Pref High Inc	22.32	23.72†	+0.06	7.59
Tokyo	208.60	220.80	−0.60	
UK Smaller Cos	257.10	273.20	−0.40	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	333.30	352.10	−2.00	1.02
Jap Smlr Co	396.20	420.40	−2.50	
Nth Amer	431.70	457.70	+3.50	0.64
UK Inc & Gth	250.20	266.80†	−1.00	2.78
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Div	115.61	123.65	−0.21	1.73
Growth Acc	252.97	273.05	−4.19	1.12
Income	610.34	653.31	−10.58	5.12
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7251				
Endurance Fd	223.40	237.79†		1.13
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	31.33	[illegible]	−0.53	1.24
Ethical Tst	47.19	49.67	−0.13	0.95
Far Eastern	296.85	311.42	−0.73	1.53
High Income	137.70	144.35†	−0.48	5.02
UK Index Trckng	51.07	53.76	+0.26	3.29
Intl Growth	139.85	147.19	−0.55	0.39
North American	147.84	155.62	+0.02	1.67
Pelican	140.79	148.30†	−2.67	3.21
Smaller Cos	72.98	76.82	−0.14	2.30
Special Sits	90.97	95.76	−0.08	2.75
Tst of Inv Tsts	216.57	227.97	−0.21	1.26
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	232.09	246.50†	−0.13	2.40
Smaller Cos Acc	419.18	445.94†	−0.23	2.40
Recovery	58.17	61.88	−0.15	1.71
Recovery Acc	60.10	63.34	−0.16	1.71
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	33.19	35.94†	−0.11	
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.18	55.66	+0.06	0.52
High Income #	39.02	41.67†	+0.03	10.99
Warrant	45.73	49.71	−0.01	
Zero Preference	45.17	47.93	−0.10	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	93.38	99.34†	+0.360	2.60
United Charities	313.00	332.90†	−0.70	2.09
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree. Private Clients. 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.40
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	28.02	29.03†	−0.02	5.36
Strategic Inc	27.00	28.22	+0.10	5.75
Income Funds				
High Income	26.30	27.90†	+0.10	5.52
Income Plus	131.40	139.80	+0.70	3.30
European Income	49.67	53.01	+0.31	2.37
UK Div Gth	31.60	33.60	+0.18	2.23
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.49	63.46†	−0.11	
American	321.40	340.50†	−0.60	
Amer Spec Sits	184.10	196.30	+1.10	
Japan Smaller Cos	30.95	32.96	−0.12	
European	229.70	243.70†	−1.30	0.56
European Opps	80.33	85.42	+0.54	0.02
Global Prv	30.20	32.12	+0.09	0.35
UK Growth	123.60	131.50	+0.10	1.48
Growth & Inc	178.90	189.90	+0.90	2.44
Intl PEP	48.24	51.30	+0.14	1.07
Japan Spec Sits	82.76	87.86	−0.03	
Japan	166.10	176.10		
Managed Intl	*354.00*	375.30	*+0.40*	*0.60*
Moneybuilder	66.30	70.50	−0.11	
Recovery	62.06	65.99	+0.17	1.64
South E Asia	185.80	198.20	+0.80	0.97
Special Sits	*716.40*	*761.60*	−0.70	*0.54*
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	116.54	116.54	+0.01	5.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	147.30	149.90	..	1.60
Finsbury Prf Inc #	95.55	97.80	+0.30	6.04
Cap Pfolio	162.80	165.10	+0.60	0.87
General Opps	142.00	143.50†		4.23
Growth Inc	37.14	37.53†	+0.35	1.43
Private Portfolio	481.00	488.60		1.22
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 395 Admin/Val 01277 690 360				
Euro Smlr Cos	151.70	161.00	+0.70	0.25
Emrg Asian	130.10	141.20†	−0.60	
High Income	21.04	22.36†	+0.03	10.06
UK Income #	111.00	118.46†		4.17
US Smaller Cos	410.60	439.40†	−0.10	

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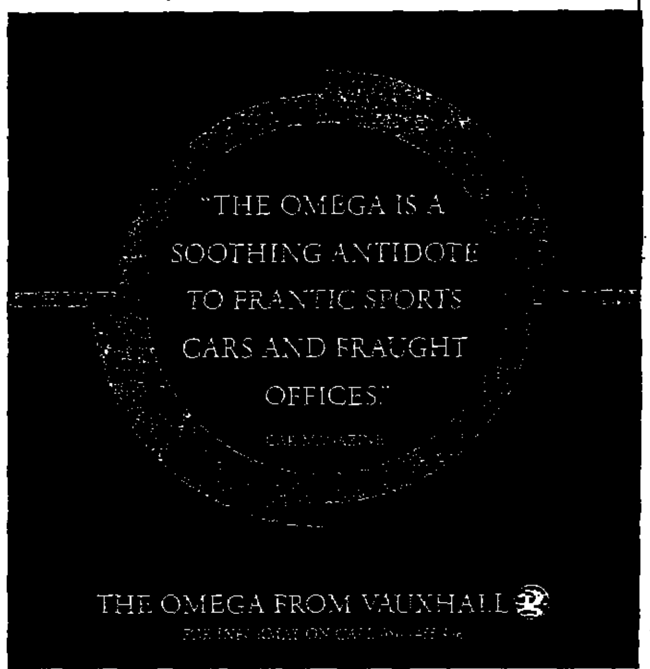
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	81.91	87.15	+0.19	.
-do- Accum	81.91	87.15	+0.19	.
Amer Smllr Cos	663.30	703.30	−1.40	
-do- Accum	677.60	724.70	−1.40	
Capital Tst	400.00	425.30†	−1.00	1.50
-do- Accum	587.70	625.20†	−1.40	1.50
Contl Smllr Cos	60.00	63.69		1.09
-do- Accum	63.83	67.97		1.09
Convertible	144.60	153.80	+0.30	5.10
-do- Accum	312.90	332.90	+0.60	5.10
Emerging Markets	63.10	67.41	+0.12	0.30
-do- Accum	63.31	67.64	+0.12	0.30
European	149.90	159.80	+0.10	0.50
-do- Accum	158.80	168.30	+0.10	0.50
Extra Income	390.90	415.90	+2.10	4.45
-do- Accum	622.40	662.10	+3.20	4.45
Financial	176.20	187.40†	−0.10	0.46
-do- Accum	187.20	199.10†	−0.10	0.46
Gilt Trust	63.40	65.37†	+0.10	6.79
-do- Accum	98.59	101.60†	+0.10	6.79
Health Fund Inc	244.50	261.20†	−0.80	.
-do- Accum	244.50	261.20†	−0.80	..
Income & Growth	231.70	246.50	+1.20	3.61
-do- Accum	367.30	390.60	+2.00	3.61
Intl Growth	428.30	456.10†	+1.10	.
-do- Accum	475.60	505.50†	+1.20	..
Japan & Gen	158.10	168.10	−0.30	
-do- Accum	159.70	169.70	−0.30	
Monthly Inc #	199.50	212.30†	+0.90	4.38
-do- Accum #	*200.00*	*212.80†*	*+0.90*	*4.38*
Managed Port Inc	121.30	127.70	+0.10	1.40
-do- Accum	131.90	138.80	+0.10	1.40
Quarterly Income #	56.96	60.97†	+0.22	5.28
-do- Accum #	*65.97*	*70.66†*	*+0.24*	*5.28*
Recovery	340.90	364.80	+0.10	..
-do- Accum	402.50	430.50	−0.30	.
UK Growth	67.61	71.93	+0.15	2.76
-do- Accum	*73.31*	*77.99*	*+0.16*	*2.75*
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	62.16	66.26†	+0.05	0.07
FP Am Smllr Cos	199.90	211.20	+0.10	
FP Asian Growth	272.50	290.60	+1.70	
FP Australian	405.60	432.60	−2.20	
FP Equity Dist	455.10	485.40†	+3.00	2.49
-do- Accum	£10.16	£10.83	+7.00	2.49
FP Euro Gth	289.00	308.20	+1.30	
-do- Accum	316.10	337.10	+1.40	
FP Intl Bond	58.55	61.95	+0.12	4.31
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.65	40.16†	+0.13	0.09
-do- Accum	55.29	58.97	−0.18	0.09
FP Pac Basin Acc	211.80	225.90†	+0.20	
FP Income #	58.89	62.81	+0.20	4.97
-do- Accum #	*305.70*	*319.40*	*+0.70*	*4.97*
FP Jap Smllr Cos	275.50	293.80	−0.10	
FP Monthly Dist #	75.19	80.20†	+0.22	4.92
FP Stlg Deposit	100.40	100.40†		5.30
FP Tokyo	76.43	81.52	+0.07	.
FP UK Focus	42.07	44.87†	+0.32	2.12
FP UK Growth	199.10	212.30	+1.50	2.29
-do- Accum	401.30	428.00	+3.10	2.29
Stewardship Dist	432.10	460.90†		1.38
-do- Accum	546.10	582.50	+0.10	1.38
Stwrdshp Inc Dist #	79.46	84.75†	−0.02	4.75
-do- Accum #	110.30	117.60		4.75
N Am Stship Dist	123.80	132.00	−0.30	0.28
-do- Accum	133.00	141.88	−0.40	0.28
FP Exempt Trusts				
Inst Ethical In #	100.40	100.90	+0.30	3.50
Inst Ethical Ac #	100.40	100.90	+0.30	3.50
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	126.20	134.20†	+0.10	1.63
Open Cap Gth Acc	129.00	137.20†		0.22
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	117.50	125.00	+0.10	3.33
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	*124.60*	*132.50*	*+0.20*	3.33
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	120.60	128.20		4.05
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	128.70	136.90		4.05
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 108/7				
GANDA	289.60	307.30†	+1.60	1.95
Cash	49.32	50.06†	+0.01	4.83
Growth Portfolio	*87.68*	*93.29*	*+0.67*	0.54
Income Portfolio	69.61	73.86†	+0.22	3.33
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	220.90	236.30		0.32
Dividend	98.27	105.10	+0.40	4.60
Intl Gth & Inc	250.80	268.20		2.59
UK & Gen	49.82	53.28	+0.36	1.56
Fund of Funds	73.83	78.96†	−0.08	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 628 9431				
American Smlr Cos	235.90	252.30	−0.10	0.13
European Gth	732.10	780.10	+4.30	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	54.19	57.38	+0.28	5.26
-do- Accum	61.52	65.14	+0.32	5.26
Far East & Gen	264.00	282.40	+1.30	
German Growth	143.00	151.70	+1.30	
High Yield #	49.54	52.40	+0.21	7.99
-do- Accum #	55.48	58.68	+0.23	7.99
Income Inc	197.50	211.30	+1.00	4.07
-do- Accum	225.80	241.50	+1.10	4.07
Intl Growth	381.70	407.00	+2.500	0.30
Intl Income	95.21	100.80	+0.40	2.94
Japan Growth	423.80	450.30	*+1.40*	
Korean Securities	44.26	47.34	+1.42	
Orient Acc	192.50	205.80	+0.10	0.15
UK General Inc	198.80	212.70	+0.80	1.55
UK General Acc	*355.30*	*379.90*	*+1.30*	*1.55*
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	60.12	64.30	−0.02	1.81
UK Spec Sits	104.00	111.30†	+0.40	1.48
US Growth	188.00	199.70	−0.30	
Wwide Spec Sits	*162.70*	*174.30*	*+1.40*	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	60.67	64.80	+0.11	1.77
Cash Trust	146.97	146.97†	+0.02	5.40
Practical Inv Inc #	123.00	131.56†	+0.20	3.66
-do- Accum #	297.63	318.32†	+0.51	3.66
UK Index	178.98	179.88	+0.78	3.39
UK Smaller Cos	205.67	219.97†	+0.04	0.12
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.59	25.40†	+0.10	7.42
High Income	34.19	36.47†	+0.18	4.98
UK Equity Income	158.38	169.55	+0.25	3.23
Global Bond	28.89	29.95†	+0.03	4.91
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.08	48.21	−0.03	
Global Managed	149.20	158.51†	+0.29	1.28
Gold & Intl Res	104.96	112.26	+0.05	
Global Utilities	143.94	153.36	−0.05	1.39
Overseas Funds				
American	202.89	215.71	+0.35	0.70
European	137.31	145.51	+1.08	0.67
Euro Sel Opps	209.22	221.65	+1.73	.
Amer Emerging	178.34	190.99	+0.04	
Hong Kong	171.39	183.23	−0.30	1.42
Japan	221.35	234.99	+0.62	..
Pacific Growth	220.27	236.52	+0.76	.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	260.77	260.77†	−1.02	1.92
Long Term Bal	279.58	279.58†	+0.88	2.98
Med Term Bal	230.23	230.23†	+0.75	2.94
UK Equity	*309.32*	309.32†	*+1.29*	*2.40*
UK Emerging Cos	180.45	180.45	−0.28	1.96
American	232.24	332.24	+0.81	0.73
Japan	123.33	123.33	+0.15	
European	354.79	*354.79*	*−3.14*	*0.89*
Index Linked Gilt	188.18	188.18	−0.66	2.66
Fixed Interest	177.82	177.82†	+0.58	6.14
Amer Emerge	396.69	396.69	−0.07	
Pacific	230.01	230.01	+6.32	0.82
Emerging Mkts	117.18	117.18†	+0.14	0.45
Index Strat Japan	137.48	137.48	+0.48	0.18
-do- Pacific Rim	205.25	205.25	+0.64	1.13
-do- Cont Europe	185.44	185.44	−1.86	1.78
Index Strat USA	193.13	193.13	−0.04	1.57
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	123.00	130.85	−0.51	
Med Term Bal	109.83	116.94	−0.23	
Long Term Bal	125.23	133.32	−0.42	
UK Equity	143.67	152.83	+0.64	
UK Emerging Cos	94.31	[illegible]	−0.14	
American	153.92	163.80	−0.43	
Japan	58.96	62.72	+0.27	
European	147.84	156.94	−1.20	
Fixed Interest	91.55	97.39	−0.32	
Index Linked Gilt	83.90	89.15	−0.31	
Deposit	88.10	93.72	−0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
PWH Intl	157.34	165.52	−0.12	0.51
Brckhl Gth Port Inc	72.27	77.35	−0.07	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	63.39	66.37†	−0.25	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	59.77	63.[illegible]	−0.13	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	−11.01	0.75
-do- Accum	703.33	743.[illegible]	−12.44	0.75
European Inc	173.88	190.94	−7.35	1.15
Amalgam Inc	155.96	163.37	+1.70	
N America Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	−7.63	
Far East Inc	352.91	375.40		
-do- Accum	383.79	399.11		
UK Dvlp Inc	209.96	222.30	−6.57	2.93
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	101.34	102.05†		4.29
UK Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	−1.00	0.52
British Growth	69.77	[illegible]	−0.14	0.56
American Gwth	262.07	280.69	−3.47	
Japan Gwth	58.[illegible]	[illegible]	−3.02	
Greater China	138.22	[illegible]		
Pacific Strategy	155.45	166.28	−0.56	
European Gwth	117.66	125.83	−0.60	
Intl Growth	164.00	[illegible]	−0.81	
US Index TR	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.75
FTSE 250 Ind	91.[illegible]	97.64	−0.12	2.12
Monthly Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	−1.03	2.64
Index & Bear Funds Dealing: 0171 865 3033				
Grd UK Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9868				
European	[illegible]	[illegible]	−4.00	0.30
Gilt & Fixed	132.70	137.60	−0.72	5.66
Growth Equity	422.55	[illegible]	+2.20	1.50
Income Trust	152.50	162.35	+0.50	4.21
International	207.30	221.45	−1.00	0.34
Japan Trust	112.30	119.82	+0.10	
Nth American	361.[illegible]	385.99†	+2.12	
Pacific	573.70	612.90†	−1.99	0.09
Guardhill	542.30	586.20	−2.49	1.30
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	106.99	111.00	−0.42	5.65
Global High Inc	98.73	102.62†	−0.17	5.73
Corporate Bond	125.35	128.24	+0.23	6.50
Eqty & Bond Inc	108.42	116.34†	−0.39	5.57
European Growth	129.16	137.30	−0.92	
Intl PEP Trust	70.20	74.64	−0.51	
Equity Inc	133.37	142.32†	−1.39	4.18
-do- Accum	203.85	217.56	−2.34	4.18
Recovery	413.20	435.30†	−1.10	1.49
-do- Accum	493.50	524.72	−1.73	1.45
St Vine High Inc	126.09	127.32	−3.39	7.63
UK Emerg Cos	232.46	306.60†	−0.40	2.50
UK Smlr Cos	403.23	410.30	−0.50	2.59
Glob Priv Tst	115.99	122.22†	−0.74	1.71
-do- Accum	120.45	128.07	+0.77	1.71
Inc Share Tst	91.90	96.75	+0.08	8.98
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	56.67	60.09	+0.20	3.55
Balanced Acc	59.27	63.91	−0.22	3.55
Growth	32.90	35.04	+0.15	1.92
Growth Acc	34.95	37.26	+0.15	1.92
Income	32.16	34.23†	+0.13	4.37
Income Acc	34.23	35.39	+0.13	4.37
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	26.18	28.37	−0.18	2.97
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	99.65	103.10†	−0.50	6.47
Global Prtfls	241.95	254.60	−1.10	2.64
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494349 Dealing: 0645 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	263.32	283.73		0.51
Best of British	73.03	77.62†		1.99
UK Smaller Cos	156.56	169.43		1.10
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	328.29	329.42		3.39
-do- Accum #	829.77	875.85		3.39
High Income	332.30	356.70†		4.30
Extra Income #	286.63	305.94†		6.30
Pref & Bond	49.01	50.54†		8.30
International				
Ethical	124.38	132.01		1.56
International	319.58	339.26†		
Global Bond	55.23	58.28†		5.44
Intl Port Tst	99.05	105.93		0.64
Global Tech	236.11	253.74†		.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	190.65	203.87		
European	614.05	651.45†	..	0.31
European Income #	93.63	99.30		3.37
Euro Smlr Cos	190.06	203.22†		0.98
European Value	92.61	99.95†		0.13
-do- Accum	99.62	106.45	...	0.13
Japan Trust	211.59	224.73		..
Japan Smlr Cos	214.36	227.97†	.	
Pacific Smlr Cos	238.32	253.80†	.	
North American	324.77	344.66	...	...
American Smaller	175.18	187.07†	..	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	160.00	168.50	−1.00	4.99
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	122.80	128.58†	+0.54	1.76
Capital	203.74	213.34	+0.78	1.52
Dollar	515.32	539.60†	+1.91	.
Enterprise Gth	436.35	456.91	+0.06	0.91
European	272.49	285.33	+2.57	0.66
Far East	308.70	323.24	+0.69	0.30
Financial	£10.38	£10.87†	+5.59	1.81
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.26	27.31†	+0.03	8.75
High Yield #	111.48	116.74	+0.25	5.08
Income & Growth #	161.63	169.24†	+0.48	3.79
International	292.12	305.88	+1.22	0.31
Japanese General	194.28	203.43	+0.35	.
Japan Tech	82.75	86.65	−0.87	
Nat Resources	79.44	83.18	+0.04	0.49
Portfolio	86.53	90.61	+0.18	1.18
Special Sits	212.46	222.47	−1.42	0.05
UK Emerging Cos	132.28	138.51	−0.13	0.80
US Smaller Cos	163.22	170.92	−0.18	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	645.40	688.80	+2.40	5.50
UK Growth	721.40	769.90†	+3.60	2.51
High Income #	115.30	123.00†	+0.30	5.66
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	630.50	667.10	−1.30	0.26
European Gwth	145.40	154.40	+0.60	0.11
Japan Gwth	259.10	275.50†	−0.10	.
Japan Smlr Cos	31.45	33.58	+0.04	
Asian	62.44	66.64	+0.03	0.18
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.75	89.38	+0.34	
Hong Kong Gwth	154.00	164.20	+0.10	1.18
Global Bond	*21.65*	*23.87*		*5.81*
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	169.00	169.80	+0.70	3.27
Trade Index	129.70	133.10	−0.30	2.20
THE FOOTSIE FUND	*65.61*	65.94	−0.37	2.89
Index Funds-International				
American Index	291.90	293.40	−0.30	0.92
Eurotrack 100	199.50	200.50	+1.20	1.45
Japan Index	73.44	73.81	+0.09	0.10
Tiger Index	188.50	193.30	+0.80	..
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	50.31	52.38	−0.12	1.11
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.65	92.30†	+0.35	1.42
Managed	91.50	95.26†	+0.36	1.42
Rupert Child Fnd	103.10	107.30	+0.50	2.11
UK Growth	71.39	74.33†	+0.21	1.89
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	88.84	92.49	+0.18	5.45
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.92	27.82†	+0.07	8.04
UK Inc & Gwth	48.25	50.23†	+0.19	3.08
UK Income #	377.60	393.10†	+0.50	4.23
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	64.76	67.10†	−0.01	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	165.40	172.20	+1.50	..
-do- Accum	167.10	174.00	+1.40	.
Europe Gth	*234.80*	*244.50*	*+3.00*	..
-do- Accum	243.20	253.20	+3.10	.
Euro Smaller Cos	45.47	47.34†	+0.48	.
French Growth	98.74	102.50	+0.20	0.08
-do- Accum	106.70	110.90	+0.30	0.08
H Kong & China	98.48	102.40	+0.50	0.84
Intl Growth	68.27	71.01†	+0.14	0.12
-do- Accum	69.52	72.32†	+0.15	0.12
Japan Gth	29.42	30.61	+0.02	
-do- Accum	29.42	30.61	+0.02	
Japan Smaller Cos	35.32	36.75†	−0.08	..
Glob Emg Mkts	91.14	94.69	+0.46	
-do- Accum	91.79	95.56	+0.45	0.11
SE Asia	341.30	355.30	+1.30	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	52.56	54.18	+0.10	6.51
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690448				
Sector Value Inc #	103.70	109.40†	+0.70	3.78
Sector Value Gwth	105.20	111.00†	+0.80	2.15
Hy 5 Europe	100.90	105.80	+0.40	2.76
Slater Gwth	177.70	187.50†	+0.50	0.61
New Japan	94.16	99.17	+0.08	0.01
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	192.90	205.10	−2.20	.
Income #	217.55	231.40	+0.29	4.19
UK Growth	86.49	92.00	+0.08	1.86
Intl Growth	85.86	91.44	−0.09	0.45
Ecology	101.85	108.35†	+0.04	0.87
European	207.393	220.63	+1.57	0.56
Far Eastern	300.00	319.10	+1.40	
UK Special Sits	53.52	57.08†	+0.04	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.20	104.60	+0.20	7.11
Gilt Yield	119.20	125.80	+0.40	6.84
Global Income	230.50	245.20†	+0.20	3.61
High Yield	151.80	161.50†	+1.00	5.77
-do- Accum	503.20	535.30†	+3.40	5.77
Smlr Cos Div	62.12	66.09†	−0.12	3.42
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	156.90	166.90	+0.60	
Asian Growth	320.40	340.90	+0.50	
-do- Accum	376.50	400.50	+0.50	
North American	113.70	121.00	+0.43	0.22
European Special	125.40	133.40	−0.70	1.25
European	180.10	191.60	+1.10	0.47
-do- Accum	238.30	253.50	+1.40	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	120.80	128.70	−0.50	1.92
Japan	373.60	403.90	−0.10	
Japanese Special	206.50	219.70	−0.60	
Smaller Cos	146.00	155.30	−0.60	1.05
UK Equity Growth	50.85	54.10	+0.13	1.85
UK Index Inc	335.80	*337.50†*	*+1.32*	3.93
Eltham Tst	106.70	114.70†	−3.30	2.09
-do- Accum	108.10	116.20†	−3.50	2.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	303.24	322.60†	+1.12	5.03
Inc & Growth Inc	68.58	72.96	−0.43	3.80
Smaller Cos	91.44	97.29†	−0.01	1.22
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	463.00	491.20	+1.40	2.19
UK Inc/Gth #	475.50	504.50	−1.50	4.25
UK Income #	336.70	357.20†	+0.30	5.09
UK Sm Cos	313.00	334.80	−0.30	1.57
Euro Gwth	160.90	171.50†	−0.10	0.46
N Amer Gwth	123.20	130.70		
Japan Growth	58.07	61.61	−0.06	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	584.26	*584.26†*	+2.30	2.75
-do- Accum	£12.09	£12.09†	+4.00	2.75
Equity Income #	104.40	104.40	+0.10	5.04
UK Tactical Allocn	68.89	68.89	−0.47	4.14
European	*144.46*	*144.46†*	+0.70	*0.91*
Far Eastern	226.40	226.40†	+0.10	
Fixed Interest	54.35	54.35	+0.17	7.38
Gilt	91.48	91.48†	+0.53	6.57
Global Growth	*81.06*	*81.06*	−0.11	*0.19*
Intl Bond	52.05	52.05†		5.11
Japanese	65.99	65.99†	−0.11	.
North American	226.40	226.40	+0.20	0.82
Pacific Growth	119.70	119.70†	−0.10	0.29
UK Index	76.83	76.83†	−0.33	3.25
UK Recovery	117.10	117.10†	+0.30	2.02
UK Smaller Cos	162.20	162.20	−0.10	1.21
US Index	35.54	35.54	−0.08	1.30
European Index	91.58	91.58†	−0.43	1.53
Japan Index	37.54	37.54	+0.03	.
Worldwide	98.19	98.19†	+0.13	1.59
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	56.45	60.37	+0.32	2.26
Income	65.63	70.19	+0.42	4.14
Far East	51.63	55.27	−0.16	0.08
North American	133.10	142.30	+0.60	
Global	101.60	108.60		0.41
European	95.62	102.20	+0.50	1.05
Japan	96.26	102.30	−0.10	..
Intl Currency Bd	58.41	*61.97†*	+0.08	*4.47*
SE Asia	105.30	112.60	−0.30	0.50
UK Cap Growth	102.90	110.00†	−0.40	2.65
Recovery Trust	90.20	96.45†	−0.15	1.36
Managed	75.36	*80.43*	−0.17	1.25
Cash	51.44	51.44	+0.01	4.77
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	408.90	435.00†	+2.60	2.26
-do- Accum	976.80	£10.39	+6.00	2.26
Contl Euro Gth	80.03	84.25†	−1.01	0.46
-do- Accum	86.66	91.23	−1.10	0.46
Extra Inc	282.60	300.90	+1.20	4.00
-do- Accum	*774.10*	*823.60*	*+3.30*	*4.00*
FTSE 100 Inc	121.00	128.80	+1.10	2.69
FTSE 100 Acc	126.40	134.50	+1.10	2.69
German Gth	138.50	145.80	+0.70	
-do- Accum	*145.37*	[illegible]	−0.80	
Growth Port	661.60	703.90	−5.70	0.07
-do- Accum	689.40	733.50	−6.00	0.07
High Interest Inc	99.58	103.70	−0.50	7.48
High Interest Acc	105.52	109.40	+0.50	7.48
Hi Reserve Inc #	107.60	114.50	+0.90	6.23
Hi Reserve Acc #	116.60	124.10	−1.10	6.23
Income	546.20	581.10†	+3.10	3.20
-do- Accum	£15.62	£16.62	*+8.00*	3.20
Income Port	569.10	604.80†	−1.60	4.37
-do- Accum	632.70	673.10	−1.90	4.37
Japan Growth	96.63	102.90	−0.30	.



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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	96.97	103.29	+0.30	.
Master Trust	68.08	72.44	+0.32	1.36
-do- Accum	78.63	83.65	+0.37	1.36
Millennium Acc	95.89	101.80	−1.80	2.33
N American Gen	251.20	267.30	−0.60	.
-do- Accum	290.70	309.30	−0.70	..
NAm Sm Co Rec	196.00	208.80	+0.00	...
-do- Accum	200.00	212.80	+0.40	.
Pacific Basin	252.90	269.10	+0.50	0.09
-do- Accum	269.40	286.60	+0.80	0.09
Small Cos Rec	530.90	556.90†	−0.20	2.04
-do- Accum	733.40	772.00	−0.30	2.04
UK Eq Gth	165.10	175.70	−1.10	2.44
UK Eq Inc	128.20	138.40	+0.70	3.96
UK Growth	105.70	112.50	−0.80	1.88
-do- Accum	132.60	141.10	−0.90	1.88
Worldwide Gth	354.10	376.80	+2.20	0.25
-do- Accum	523.30	556.80	+3.20	0.25
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	89.15	95.44	+0.27	0.78
General	107.55	115.20†	+0.26	2.70
Income	72.72	78.02	+0.37	6.00
International	*73.46*	*78.61*	+0.30	0.50
Japan	53.15	57.02	+0.09	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	78.20	81.84†	+0.04	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	532.70	562.80	+0.80	0.29
-do- Accum	665.80	704.30	+1.10	0.29
Amer Recovery	582.80	616.30†	+0.30	0.08
-do- Accum	674.00	712.70†	+0.20	0.08
Amer Smlr Cos	170.70	180.50	+0.40	
-do- Accum	174.50	184.40	+0.40	..
Australasian	206.70	218.10	−0.70	2.17
-do- Accum	259.00	274.00	−0.90	2.17
Capital	973.80	1029.80	+0.30	2.94
-do- Accum	1162.40	1229.40	+0.40	2.94
Charifund	*749.70*	757.20†	+2.10	6.02
-do- Accum	3916.60	3955.80†	+11.00	6.02
Commodity	459.90	486.30	+1.40	0.20
-do- Accum	680.00	719.10	+2.10	0.20
Compound Gth	1106.10	1169.70†	+5.20	2.76
-do- Accum	1222.00	1292.70†	+5.80	2.76
Corporate Bond	25.68	25.78†	+0.12	7.50
Dividend	43.20	45.70†	+0.10	4.91
-do- Accum	195.90	207.50†	+0.40	4.91
Equity Income	327.40	346.20	+0.10	5.75
-do- Accum	454.00	480.10	+0.20	5.75
Euro & General	634.10	670.60	+6.60	0.74
-do- Accum	814.40	861.20	+8.40	0.74
Euro Dividend	81.10	85.80	+0.40	3.57
-do- Accum	103.20	109.20	+0.60	3.57
Extra Yield	457.10	483.40	+1.10	5.12
-do- Accum	1546.00	1635.20	+3.70	5.12
Fund of Inv Tsts	720.50	761.90	+0.80	1.94
-do- Accum	1382.90	1462.30	+1.50	1.94
General	69.30	73.30	+0.30	3.88
-do- Accum	203.80	215.70	+1.00	3.88
Gilt Income	61.65	61.74†	+0.35	7.00
-do- Accum	189.65	189.92†	+1.00	7.00
Gold	75.00	79.30	+1.00	0.20
-do- Accum	89.60	94.80	+1.30	0.20
High Income	32.90	*34.80*	*+0.10*	4.71
-do- Accum	140.60	148.70	+0.50	4.71
Intl Growth	90.30	95.50	+0.20	0.68
-do- Accum	159.80	169.00	+0.40	0.68
International Inc	*107.90*	*114.10†*	*+0.10*	*4.63*
-do- Accum	173.20	183.10†	+0.20	4.63
Japan & Gen	37.80	39.90†		.
-do- Accum	40.50	42.80†		.
Japan Smlr Cos	135.60	143.30†	−0.30	..
-do- Accum	136.50	144.30†	−0.30	
Managed Gwth	27.10	28.60	+0.10	1.67
Managed Income	29.60	31.10†	+0.10	3.85
Midland	61.60	65.10†	+0.10	3.30
-do- Accum	216.90	229.80†	+0.40	3.30
Pension Ex	1059.00	1085.50†	+1.00	4.28
Recovery	46.60	49.30		3.14
-do- Accum	80.20	84.80	..	3.14
Second General	76.30	80.70	−0.10	3.88
-do- Accum	206.80	218.90	−0.30	3.88
Smaller Cos	70.10	74.10	+0.10	3.36
-do- Accum	145.00	153.50	+0.20	3.36
Sth East Asia	383.50	405.60	+1.00	1.17
-do- Accum	513.80	543.30	+1.30	1.17
Treasury	25.13	25.17†	..	5.60
Trustee	43.30	45.86†		5.36
-do- Accum	189.30	200.20†		5.36
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	98.79	105.09†	+0.77	1.06
Intl Bond	63.57	66.78†	+0.15	5.20
Intl Equity Growth	85.09	90.36†	+0.14	0.75
N Amer Growth	138.54	147.11	+0.03	0.82
Special Sits Growth	27.94	29.72	+0.15	1.99
UK Growth	461.42	490.87†	+2.98	2.56
-do- Accum	637.22	677.89	+4.09	2.56
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01820 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1427.90	1449.80†		2.90
Income #	1029.80	1048.00		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	160.30	170.10		3.56
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Pfolio	179.00	184.50	+0.60	2.52
-do- Accum	212.40	219.00	+0.70	2.52
UK Sel Pfolio	158.50	163.40	+0.70	2.51
-do- Accum	191.10	197.00	+0.90	2.51
UK 100 Cos	116.00	116.00	+0.80	2.88
-do- Accum	118.20	118.20	+0.80	2.88
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01284 364 842				
Managed Tst	74.24	78.98	..	3.58
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	83.06	88.17	+0.25	3.51
European	105.80	112.30	+0.20	0.65
Income #	83.43	88.57†	+0.29	4.13
Nth American	101.50	107.80	+1.40	0.22
Far East	174.50	185.20	+0.30	0.08
Japan	58.33	61.92	−0.04	.
Emging Mkts	81.87	87.56	+0.26	0.02
Intl Growth	128.00	135.90†	+0.30	0.76
UK Growth	123.40	131.00†	−0.60	2.60
UK Smlr Co	62.38	66.22†	−0.16	1.36
Asia Pacific	36.61	39.16	+0.18	0.32
Glob Gwth PEP	61.54	65.32†	+0.14	1.32
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	100.70	107.20	−0.60	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	457.90	487.13	+2.50	4.65
Global Inc	75.18	79.98	+0.14	4.38
Brit Leaders	391.15	416.12	+2.78	3.65
Intl Leaders	235.20	250.21	+1.69	1.44
PAM Mg Bal Gth	71.71	74.50	+0.01	0.46
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	278.30	293.50†	+0.100	
-do- Accum	297.60	313.90†	+0.100	.
American Opps	127.50	136.00†	+0.200	
-do- Accum	129.10	137.70†	+0.200	.
British Blue Chip	96.55	102.60†	+0.900	2.34
-do- Accum	125.20	133.10†	+1.300	2.34
Cash	100.30	100.30†	..	5.42
-do- Accum *	149.00	149.00†	+0.100	5.42
Emerging Mkts	121.80	131.00	−0.20	0.11
-do- Accum	123.30	132.60	−0.20	0.11
European Growth	329.10	348.60	+1.700	0.13
-do- Accum	358.80	379.90	+1.800	0.13
European Income	92.34	97.76	+0.490	2.94
-do- Accum	132.80	140.50	+0.600	2.94
General	618.50	658.20	+3.300	1.88
-do- Accum	1265.00	1347.00	+8.600	1.88
Global Bond	131.58	138.10†	+0.200	5.56
-do- Accum	174.80	183.60†	+0.300	5.55
Gold & General	209.20	224.00	−0.20	0.40
-do- Accum	216.50	231.90	−0.20	0.40
Govt Securities	95.76	98.74	+0.390	6.05
-do- Accum	200.80	207.00	+0.800	6.05
High Yield Bd	102.10	104.78	+0.600	7.01
-do- Accum	106.50	111.30	+0.500	7.01
Income	187.00	198.70†	+1.600	4.23
-do- Accum	312.40	331.90†	+2.600	4.23
Inc Portfolio #	112.30	119.90†	−0.600	4.81
-do- Accum #	122.50	129.80†	−0.700	4.81
Intl Opps	558.50	595.70	−0.20	0.15
-do- Accum	753.70	803.90	−0.20	0.15
Japan	162.20	172.40	+0.500	
-do- Accum	166.50	177.00	+0.400	
New Europe	241.70	257.80	+0.200	0.78
-do- Accum	251.50	268.30	+0.300	0.78
Pacific	113.10	120.50	−0.600	0.85
-do- Accum	121.80	129.80	+0.600	0.85
Recovery	453.00	483.20†	−1.100	0.54
-do- Accum	597.80	637.70†	+1.300	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	65.22	69.57	−0.10	0.74
-do- Accum	*75.31*	*80.33*	*−0.12*	*0.74*
Portfolio	94.20	100.00†	+0.450	2.31
-do- Accum	116.00	123.10†	+0.600	2.31
Managed Gth	121.30	126.90	+0.400	1.01
Managed Inc	*120.90*	*125.40*	*+0.600*	*2.59*
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	156.22	166.19	+0.93	0.14
Portfolio	81.32	86.51	+0.50	1.39
UK Income Inc	90.30	96.06	+0.67	4.92
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	69.05	72.30†	+0.13	2.72
-do- Accum	76.61	80.22†	+0.15	2.72
British Tst	106.70	111.70	+0.60	2.77
-do- Accum	127.70	133.70	+0.70	2.77
Corp Bond Inc	99.58	103.30†	+0.30	6.69
-do- Accum	103.40	107.10†	+0.40	6.69
Extra High Inc	*69.90*	*73.39†*	*+0.12*	*7.41*
-do- Accum	150.70	157.80†	+0.30	7.41
FTSE 100 Acc	69.40	72.67	+0.91	2.79
FTSE 100 Dist	65.47	68.56	+0.86	2.79
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.22	58.58	+0.19	5.65
-do- Accum	179.40	186.70	+0.60	5.65
High Yield	233.20	244.20†	+0.80	6.36
-do- Accum	651.10	681.80†	+1.80	6.36
Income	320.80	335.90	+1.10	4.02
-do- Accum	753.30	788.80	+2.70	4.02
Money Market UT	49.24	49.24†	+0.01	4.90
-do- Accum	83.31	83.31†	+0.02	4.90
Monthly Income	*92.73*	*97.10†*	*−0.61*	*4.67*
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	134.00	142.60	+0.80	1.38
European Growth	131.40	139.20		0.01

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	100.60	108.70	+0.47	5.20
Income	103.50	110.10	+0.30	2.32
Japan Growth	47.58	50.43	−0.07	
Managed	84.14	89.51	+0.17	1.98
Money Market	95.73	101.50	+0.10	3.96
North American	112.79	119.40	+0.10	0.38
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	121.50	129.30	+0.70	1.37
European Growth	123.40	130.80	+0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.88	100.80	+0.30	5.23
Income	101.40	107.90	+0.30	2.38
Japan Growth	47.37	50.22	−0.08	..
Managed	80.39	85.51	+0.16	1.94
Money Market	88.25	93.56	+0.08	3.93
North American	101.70	107.80	+0.10	0.45
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	120.50	128.20	+0.70	1.37
European Growth	120.70	128.00	+0.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.19	90.25	+0.27	5.48
Income	98.61	104.90	+0.30	2.44
Japan Growth	48.42	51.32	−0.08	...
Managed	82.90	88.19	+0.75	1.97
Money Market	80.30	85.12	+0.02	4.09
North American	113.80	120.70	+0.10	0.35
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.24	16.15	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	476.50	505.80†	+0.90	...
European Gth Inc	558.10	597.50	+1.90	..
-do- Accum	584.20	604.00	+1.90	..
Intl Gwth	228.50	242.90†	+0.80	.
UK Equity Inc	222.90	237.20†	+0.40	3.84
Do. Accum	304.10	323.60†	+0.50	3.84
UK Intl Tndr Inc	193.80	206.90	+0.70	3.12
-do- Accum	239.90	255.80	+0.80	3.12
US Eq Intl Tdr Inc	283.00	299.60	−0.20	0.83
Japan Tracker	68.64	72.38†	+0.03	...
Asian Tracker	220.10	237.20†	+0.28	0.14
Mngd Pfolio Inc	188.60	200.70	+0.60	1.97
Mngd Pfolio Acc	205.10	219.00	+0.60	1.97
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00†	+0.01	5.48
Europa	260.30	279.80	+0.80	...
Genesis	214.59	231.19†	−0.49	2.43
High Income	20.62	21.85†	+0.07	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 933				
Acumen	108.90	111.20†	+0.50	1.91
Acumen Inc	98.78	100.80†	+0.50	1.91
Acumen Restore	95.34	97.20†	−0.47	7.53
-do- Inc	74.33	75.07†	+0.36	7.53
American Growth	70.75	72.56	+0.18	
Equity Income #	103.90	106.50	+0.50	4.49
European	82.71	84.39	+1.23	0.49
Smaller Cos	92.62	96.74†	−0.34	1.28
W'wide Eqty	77.20	78.86	+0.51	..
Global Bond	43.69	44.15†	+0.13	5.36
UK Growth	115.10	118.00	+0.40	1.46
Pacific Growth	118.98	122.20	+0.70	0.61
Japan Growth	90.23	91.70	+0.02	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	148.90	158.49	+0.98	2.86
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8252				
UK Growth	90.44	96.22	..	2.20
UK Income	*126.53*	*134.60*	..	*4.24*
Higher Income	244.38	259.98	..	4.30
Smaller Cos	105.91	112.67†	..	1.41
International	110.61	117.86†		1.40
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	133.00	141.50	−0.10	0.08
European Dist	149.70	159.30†	+1.30	0.27
Far East Dist	190.90	203.10	+0.80	
Global Care Dist	86.61	92.14	+0.30	0.36
Oseas Dist	1158.00	1233.00	+5.20	.
-do- Accum	1505.40	1602.60	+6.90	..
UK Dist	428.00	455.30†	+1.90	2.18
-do- Accum	878.60	934.70	+4.00	2.18
UK Extra Inc Dist	96.77	102.95	+0.20	2.80
Wwide Dist	119.90	127.60†	+0.50	..
Wwide Inc Dist	88.58	94.23†	−0.30	1.36
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	79.63	84.04	+0.60	0.71
Fund of Funds Inc	69.93	73.80	+0.17	1.75
North America Inc	69.65	73.51	+0.12	0.34
UK Equity Gth Inc	69.89	73.76†	+0.08	2.74
-do- Accum	78.14	80.96	+0.09	2.74
UK General Inc	67.24	70.97†	+0.15	2.87
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.56	51.14†	+0.14	6.57
UK Income Inc	65.68	69.30†	+0.14	4.30
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	53.29	56.62†	+0.06	...
-do- Accum	53.66	*57.07†*	+0.05	..
Bond	129.00	137.05	−0.18	5.47
Cash Income	90.06	90.06†	...	5.14
-do- Accum	69.38	69.38†		5.14
Distributor	103.42	110.02	+0.38	3.10
European	55.52	58.86	+0.58	
Foundation	110.42	117.46	+0.32	2.79
General Inc	215.67	229.43	+0.86	1.57
General Acc	217.82	231.72	+0.89	1.57
Global	368.48	392.00	−0.23	
Growth Inc	145.77	155.07†	+2.55	2.36
Growth Acc	149.55	159.09†	+2.61	2.36
Higher Income Inc	31.51	33.52	−0.24	4.86
-do- Accum	38.39	40.84	−0.28	4.86
Income	260.66	277.29†	+1.18	3.57
Intl Gold	141.26	147.14	...	1.76
Japan	25.96	27.61	+0.41	...
Oriental Inc	148.59	158.07	−0.07	0.17
-do- Accum	153.91	163.73	−0.07	0.17
Pers Int Gwth	35.85	38.14	..	..
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	48.12	50.92†	+0.05	6.24
UK Growth	115.20	121.90	..	2.66
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	141.74	149.20†	+0.33	1.08
UK Equity	170.18	179.14	+0.56	2.84
UK Equity Income	153.62	161.71	+0.33	3.18
UK Smaller Cos	141.79	149.25	+0.06	1.50
UK Equity Growth	156.52	164.76†	*+0.63*	1.15
UK Index Trckg	169.00	178.36	+0.64	2.82
Intl Index Trckg	171.62	181.13	+0.12	0.85
International	276.07	290.60†	+0.55	0.78
European	252.85	*266.18*	*+1.99*	*0.80*
Pan European	168.20	177.05	+0.85	1.34
Nth American	245.41	258.33†	−0.35	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	243.85	256.68	−1.05	...
Japanese	86.54	*91.09*	*−0.16*	..
Pacific	236.33	248.77	+0.10	0.51
South East Asian	275.11	289.59†	+0.87	0.85
Intl Bond	134.43	141.51	+0.15	3.82
Gilt & Convertible	*110.77*	*116.60*	*+0.42*	*5.72*
Property	84.74	89.20	+0.02	5.56
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	349.10	374.40	+3.50	0.03
-do- Accum	370.80	397.60	+3.70	0.03
Japan Inc	108.40	114.80†	*+0.30*	...
Nth American Inc	149.90	159.50	−0.40	0.66
Worldwide Inc	179.60	189.10	+0.70	0.01
Hong Kong Inc	183.70	196.00	+0.80	1.03
Swiss Equities Inc	86.32	92.16	+0.50	..
Wwide Bond Inc	65.82	70.88	+0.12	5.15
Emging Asia Inc	184.70	200.19	+0.90	0.01
-do- Accum	185.40	200.80	+0.80	0.01
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.07	50.07†	+0.01	5.49
Thailand Inc	120.20	129.70†	+0.58	2.87
New Zealand Inc	103.10	110.70†	−0.20	2.88
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	71.24	76.22	+0.12	0.97
Latin Am Cmp Inc	62.38	67.89	+0.29	0.73
UK All Sh Idx Inc	71.05	72.21	+0.31	2.65
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	85.07	90.98†	+0.22	...
Global Portfolio	75.41	80.65	+0.20	
Global Opps	64.67	69.17	+0.11	.
Marsh Global Gth	66.46	70.48	−0.05	..
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	109.10	117.20	+0.10	.
Temple Equity Inc	48.83	52.88	−0.04	4.18
Hartley Growth	112.07	119.37	−0.40	0.36
Intl Growth Inc	83.64	89.45†	−0.18	0.34
IPS Portfolio Inc	90.30	96.58	+0.67	.
Premier Perfmc Inc	69.41	74.27	−0.03	1.46
Roxburgh Strat Gth	78.64	84.11†	+0.05	0.50
International Strat	82.38	87.62	+0.01	.
UFC Growth	62.33	66.66	+0.07	..
Chartfield Port of Fds	53.81	58.28	+0.04	..
Lowes Intl Growth	*50.05*	*52.68*	*−0.13*	*0.49*
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3868				
Equity Gth	239.30	254.60	*+0.60*	1.78
European Gth	130.50	138.20	+1.50	0.48
Income & Gth #	161.70	172.00	+0.50	3.06
Japan Gth	102.60	109.10	+0.10	..
Nth Amer Gth	*216.80*	*230.60*	*+0.80*	..
Overseas Gth	121.80	129.50	+0.50	
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 526 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	280.60	298.58	+1.50	2.40
-do- Accum	614.20	653.40	+3.20	2.40
Growth	182.70	192.30	+0.80	2.85
Income	267.10	284.10†	+1.30	4.16
Intl Equity	281.60	299.50	+1.30	0.57
-do- Accum	315.30	335.40	+1.50	0.57
UK Income	74.40	79.14	+0.35	3.59
UK Intl 25	94.23	100.20	+0.41	1.93
New Europe	103.40	109.90	+0.90	0.12
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	685.35	732.64†	+1.84	0.53
-do- Accum	689.61	737.19	+1.85	0.53
Income	*439.85*	*470.11†*	*+2.56*	*3.18*
Wwide Recovery	450.83	482.18	+1.03	0.53
Amer Growth Inc	317.18	337.94	+0.75	0.01
-do- Accum	317.18	337.94	+0.75	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	288.14	308.19	*+0.89*	*0.01*
Far East Gth Inc	303.36	324.45	−0.32	0.94
-do- Accum	304.47	325.64	−0.32	0.94
Euro Gwth Inc	181.58	193.74	+1.85	0.54
-do- Accum	*182.21*	*194.41*	*+1.85*	*0.54*
UK Growth Inc	117.12	125.27	+0.57	2.65
-do- Accum	125.79	134.54	+0.61	2.65
High Income	115.79	123.84	+0.64	3.84
Jap Gwth Inc	*186.63*	*199.61*	*−0.32*	*0.71*
-do- Accum	186.63	199.61	−0.39	0.71
PEP Bond	54.04	56.47	+0.14	7.62
PEP Growth	144.88	154.90	+0.78	0.77
Asian Sr Mkts Inc	134.01	143.33	+0.37	0.26
-do- Accum	134.33	143.67	+0.37	0.26
Amer Smlr Co Inc	198.32	212.11†	+0.33	0.01
-do- Accum	198.32	212.11	+0.33	0.01
Global Bond	56.17	59.17	+0.06	5.75
UK Smaller Cos Inc	110.59	118.28	+0.24	1.53
-do- Accum	117.81	126.00	+0.25	1.53
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3827				
American	138.75	147.61†	+0.49	..
European	93.22	99.17	+0.34	.
Global	69.10	73.51	+0.13	.
Pacific	58.50	62.23†	+0.09	
UK Inc & Gth	81.40	86.60	−0.18	1.87
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	*47.19*	50.20	−0.06	0.01
Emerg Mkts	48.88	49.61	−0.45	1.05
Fund of Funds Inc	193.74	205.02	−0.04	0.58
Fund of Funds Acc	195.18	206.54	−0.04	0.58
High Income #	54.60	57.78†	+0.04	5.82
Performance	47.58	50.62	+0.07	.
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	177.78	189.14	+0.57	1.92
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	123.76	131.60	+0.30	3.14
Conv & Gilt	122.60	130.40	+0.40	4.77
European Income	88.98	94.65†	+0.51	3.44
Extra Income	184.70	196.50	+0.90	4.66
-do- Accum	242.10	257.60	+1.20	4.66
Far East	396.30	421.80†	+1.10	.
-do- Accum	*404.60*	430.50	+1.20	.
Global Income	29.34	31.21	+0.11	3.83
High Income	140.30	149.20†	+0.60	4.52
-do- Accum	179.80	191.30	+0.70	4.52
International	*210.10*	*223.50†*		0.43
-do- Accum	219.00	232.90	−0.10	0.43
Pref & Fxd Int	44.88	47.74†	+0.04	7.28
Recovery	90.76	96.56	+0.24	2.30

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	153.88	163.60		1.34
-do- Accum	170.40	181.30		1.34
Technology	690.40	734.50	+2.10	.
UK Blue Chip	89.29	94.99	+0.51	2.88
-do- Accum	104.80	111.20	+0.60	2.88
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4400				
Managed Tst	45.24	47.92	+0.14	1.67
Cash Haven Inc	100.86	101.35†	+0.01	5.01
Cash Haven Acc	119.35	119.94	+0.01	5.01
Dist Trust Inc	106.82	110.60†	+0.41	5.78
Dist Trust Acc	121.14	125.53	+0.46	5.78
Global Growth	106.30	113.09	−0.17	1.28
Equity Inc	89.06	94.74†	−1.17	4.78
Equity	892.34	949.30†	+3.84	2.44
European	273.01	282.91	+1.39	1.04
High Income	93.74	99.72	+0.21	5.39
Intl Gth	222.76	236.98	+0.68	1.05
Intl Sm Co	97.20	103.40†	+0.19	0.05
Japanese	204.71	212.13	+1.56	..
Nth Amer	242.13	250.91†	+0.67	1.26
Pacific Mkts	118.13	122.41	+0.19	0.47
Premier Inc	48.39	50.36†	+0.18	6.89
Sm Cos	113.13	120.35†	−0.02	1.78
Spec Sits	127.98	136.04	+0.41	2.68
UK Growth	149.11	158.63	−0.75	2.40
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc for Inc	84.06	88.39	−0.02	3.78
Investment Trust	116.43	122.42	+0.02	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	108.74	114.34	−0.34	1.22
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	339.80	360.50†	+2.10	3.43
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	684.61	726.85	+3.89	0.32
America (Acc)	802.16	851.65	+4.56	0.32
Amer Smlr Cos	60.46	64.54		
Asia	53.70	57.78	+0.14	.
European	419.95	444.93	+4.98	0.43
Japan	218.15	231.98	+1.19	...
Jap Smlr Cos	37.40	*39.89*	−0.09	.
Major UK Cos	128.68	128.83	+0.78	1.78
Smlr UK Cos	410.54	440.79	+0.97	1.08
UK Equity Inc #	186.39	198.18†	+0.70	4.38
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	50.41	52.64	−0.12	.
Cash	48.49	50.50	..	2.68
Emerging Mkts	46.29	48.34	−0.02	.
Europe	82.25	85.81	+0.18	
Global Fixed Int #	51.43	53.71	+0.05	5.40
Japan	39.92	41.69	+0.08	
North America	69.28	72.35	+0.93	.
UK	65.88	68.80	−0.04	0.52
UK Equity Inc #	62.41	65.16	−0.06	4.11
UK Fixed Int #	52.05	54.35	+0.04	7.23
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	51.27	53.12	+0.04	.
Pep Inc Port #	50.78	*52.62*	*−0.02*	4.25
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	80.77	85.54		
Gilt	102.42	107.80	+0.34	..
Managed	119.35	125.82	+0.65	
Portfolio	50.39	53.04	...	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: *01733 282 828* Gen Enq: *01733 390 000*				
United States	124.40	132.20†	+0.50	
Pacific Basin	79.78	85.60†	+0.21	0.27
High Inc Dist	158.80	169.90†	+0.50	3.88
Ryl Life Int Clsry	64.62	68.74	+0.05	1.89
Ryl Life Intl Grth	78.10	82.18	+0.29	...
Ryl Life Intl Spec	72.84	77.48	+0.46	.
UK Emerging Cos	142.30	154.40	−0.10	1.34
UK Index Trckg	197.80	210.10†	+0.29	3.59
European	172.00	184.20†	+1.10	0.25
Managed	181.80	194.60	+0.50	1.02
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	195.90	208.30	+0.40	1.36
European Growth	138.20	147.40	+0.48	1.59
Far East Growth	144.50	153.80	−0.70	0.87
Japan Growth	120.00	127.50†	−0.20	0.23
Special Sits	254.00	270.20	+0.50	1.89
UK Growth	102.80	109.30	..	2.90
Triton General	284.60	302.80†	+0.10	1.61
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	173.00	183.10	+0.10	0.51
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	433.80	458.00	−0.40	0.75
-do- Accum	677.80	717.30	−0.80	0.75
Growth Inc	158.20	167.40	...	0.85
-do- Accum	162.60	172.10	...	0.85
International Inc	*414.80*	*438.50*	+0.70	0.72
-do- Accum	574.00	607.40	+1.10	0.72
Nth Am & Intl Inc	392.50	415.40	−0.40	.
UK Gth Prog Inc	257.40	272.40	+0.30	1.17
-do- Accum	294.80	312.80	+0.30	1.17
UK High Inc Inc	148.90	157.60	−0.28	4.55
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	122.90	130.74	+0.26	0.75
European Gwth	92.09	97.97	+0.88	1.80
Global Bd	61.77	65.28	+0.16	5.00
Japan	50.68	53.91	+0.05	.
UK Gwth	92.05	97.92	+0.21	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	89.53	95.15	−0.24	1.34
Amer Smlr Cos	150.70	160.30	+0.76	.
Capital Portfolio	159.80	170.00	+0.60	0.50
Cash	135.80	135.80	+0.10	5.27
China Dragon	66.54	70.79	+0.30	1.35
Commodity	146.70	158.10	+0.20	..
Emerging Mkts	35.32	37.57	+0.06	0.32
European Gwth	242.00	257.48†	+2.09	0.85
Euro Smlr Cos	73.32	78.08	+0.53	0.24
Extra Income #	57.80	58.49†	+0.22	6.04
Far Eastern	105.10	111.80	+0.39	.
FE Sm Cos	42.15	44.84	+0.08	..
Financial Secs	313.30	339.30	+0.20	0.76
Gold & Exploration	103.80	108.68	+0.40	..
Growth	445.50	447.70	+0.80	1.71
High Income	49.21	49.21†	+0.13	7.32
High Yield #	262.20	278.80†	+1.30	2.59
Intl Bond	164.30	173.50	+0.30	5.89
ITU	238.50	258.70†	+0.50	0.96
Income #	134.60	143.20	+0.60	3.10
Japan Growth	163.50	173.90	+0.30	..
Japan Smaller	176.60	187.90	−0.20	..
Korea	44.77	*47.63†*	+1.25	..
Latin America	38.98	41.41	+0.08	0.81
Masterfund	65.11	65.44	+0.23	0.32
Premier Eq Gth	164.10	174.69	+0.80	1.35
Premier Eq Inc #	*366.70*	*390.18*	*+1.90*	*4.14*
Scotyields #	285.40	303.60	+1.49	2.29
Select Intl	155.80	165.80†	+0.50	0.68
Smaller Cos Inc #	263.60	280.40†	+0.20	3.20
SE Asia	*49.88*	*53.17*	*+0.28*	*0.37*
Southern Africa	59.82	63.85	−0.30	1.51
UK & O'seas	199.60	212.30	+1.10	1.10
UK Eqty Gth	82.88	88.15	+0.27	1.39
UK Eqty Inc #	258.80	275.10	+1.30	4.29
UK Gth & Inc #	295.10	313.90	+1.59	3.38
UK Sm Cos	61.20	65.11		1.27
US Growth	219.10	233.10	−0.20	0.07
Univ Growth	160.70	171.90	+0.80	0.71
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	345.87	365.67†	−0.54	0.46
-do- Accum	382.89	404.95†	−0.58	0.46
European Gwth	92.31	97.83	+0.80	0.70
Euro Smlr Cos	113.03	120.16	+0.80	0.16
Far Eastern Gth	104.86	111.65	+0.14	..
-do- Accum	106.89	114.01	+0.14	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.35	55.15	+0.15	7.50
Global Bond #	48.77	51.42	..	5.99
-do- Accum #	58.30	61.26	..	5.99
Global Emer Mkts	52.92	56.44†	+0.13	..
-do- Accum	52.97	56.49†	+0.13	
Income #	416.92	444.71	+1.63	4.95
-do- Accum #	£14.12	£15.06	+5.51	4.95
Japan Smlr Cos	390.69	416.73	−1.13	..
-do- Accum	391.47	417.56	−1.13	..
Japan Enterprise	80.00	83.88†	+0.07	.
Pacific Gwth	159.00	169.60	+0.15	0.30
-do- Accum	164.71	175.68	+0.16	0.30
Portfolio	95.27	101.58	+0.39	1.70
-do- Accum	105.95	112.98	+0.43	1.70
Seoul	37.33	39.81	+1.05	..
-do- Accum	37.33	39.81	+1.05	..
Smaller Cos	328.97	350.90	+0.31	0.59
Strategic Inc	101.75	108.43	+0.27	2.98
Strategic Acc	102.80	109.34	+0.28	2.98
Tokyo	117.77	125.62	+0.08	..
-do- Accum	118.96	126.89	+0.08	..
UK Enterprise	*339.06*	*361.68*	+1.10	2.17
-do- Accum	419.02	446.95	+1.37	2.17
UK Equity	307.85	328.36	+1.07	2.46
-do- Accum	622.26	663.73	+2.14	2.46
US Smlr Cos	226.17	241.24†	−0.10	..
-do- Accum	226.17	241.24†	−0.10	..
Institutional Funds				
European	292.45	303.37	+2.56	1.35
-do- Accum	330.26	342.59	+2.89	1.35
Euro Smlr Cos	37.49	38.97	+0.17	1.07
-do- Accum	40.33	41.93	+0.19	1.07
Global Equity Inc	91.44	95.24†	+0.32	0.79
Japan Smlr Cos	34.41	35.84	+0.02	0.05
-do- Accum	34.75	36.19	+0.02	0.05
Mngd Balanced	225.65	235.65	+0.56	3.93
-do- Accum	265.17	276.22	+0.68	3.93
Overseas Equity	218.33	227.42	+0.99	1.08
-do- Accum	229.02	238.55	+1.04	1.08
Oseas Smlr Cos	144.37	150.38	+0.30	0.94
-do- Accum	152.73	158.88	+0.32	0.94
Pacific	282.11	283.88†	+0.97	1.24
-do- Accum	314.76	327.86†	+1.07	1.24
Recovery	123.70	124.88	+1.98	2.89
-do- Accum	126.06	127.17	+2.16	2.89
UK Index	186.84	194.62	+0.74	3.39
-do- Accum	240.78	250.80	+0.94	3.39
UK Small Cos	146.11	152.19	+0.08	2.34
-do- Accum	162.20	168.95	+0.08	2.34
US Smlr Cos	64.97	67.67†	+0.16	0.71
-do- Accum	*66.74*	*69.51†*	+0.16	0.71
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	59.58	63.01	+0.19	3.14
Equity Trust	77.13	81.57	+0.18	2.80
Equity Strategy	90.36	95.58	+0.14	1.18
European Opps	*106.30*	*112.41*	+0.95	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	79.78	84.37	−0.18	0.78
Mastermix Inc	99.28	101.86	+0.01	6.38
Japanese	73.22	77.43	+0.04	
Asia Pacific	124.31	131.46	+0.42	0.42
American	137.35	145.25	−0.10	0.21
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	33.47	33.47†		5.47
UK General Inc	62.84	66.80†	+0.34	3.34
-do- Accum	85.09	90.84†	+0.46	2.34
Intl Income	288.62	306.83†	+0.58	1.73
-do- Accum	510.40	542.58†	+1.01	1.73
European	103.51	109.59	+1.11	1.72
Japan	62.83	66.31†	+0.10	0.09
American	99.23	104.90†	−0.16	1.28
Far East	86.92	92.71	+0.26	1.34
Ethical Inc	41.31	44.18	−0.04	1.80
UK Blue Chip Inc	40.81	42.74†	+0.21	3.74
High Inc Inc	41.60	44.27†	+0.09	5.98
UK Global Inc	48.28	51.41†	+0.09	2.12
Wwide Tact	81.47	86.76	+0.03	1.76
Europe 2000 Tact	70.92	75.34	+0.68	1.33
Technology	154.09	164.71	+0.76	0.61
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	488.20	518.20	+2.60	3.18
American	358.80	380.50		0.34
Pacific	397.40	*425.80*	*+1.10*	0.21
European	690.90	739.00	+7.00	0.90
Worldwide	100.70	107.70	+0.50	0.41
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	333.80	355.20	+1.10	1.87
-do- Accum	437.40	465.40	+1.40	1.57
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	281.10	299.10	−0.70	1.03
-do- Accum	345.80	367.90	−0.80	1.03
Select Opptys Inc	84.82	90.72	+0.01	1.87
Income Plus Inc	81.73	86.85	+0.23	3.14
European Inc	436.80	464.50†	+1.70	0.85
-do- Accum	503.40	535.30†	+1.90	0.85
Far Eastern Inc	178.40	189.80†	+0.80	0.72
-do- Accum	206.80	220.10†	+0.80	0.72
Japanese Inc	56.67	60.29†	−0.01	..
Nth American Inc	333.40	354.50†	−0.60	0.15
-do- Accum	368.58	392.20†	−0.60	0.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	228.60	242.20	+0.30	0.25
Wwide Venture Inc	93.47	99.44	+0.01	0.36
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	449.90	479.90	+0.70	2.52
-do- Accum	690.30	736.30	+1.00	2.52
UK High Inc	213.90	228.10		2.80
-do- Accum	331.90	355.30	+0.10	2.80
Europe Inc	469.40	500.60	+4.70	0.62
Nth Amer Inc	328.40	350.20	−2.20	
Global Inc	253.00	269.90	+1.30	0.18
Global Acc	273.80	292.00	+1.40	0.18
UK Spec Sits Inc	130.50	139.20		1.69
South East Asia	229.60	244.90	+0.90	0.03
Cash Trust Inc	101.90	101.90	+0.10	5.72
UK Smlr Cos Inc	125.70	134.10	+0.10	1.68
-do- Accum	132.20	141.00	+0.10	1.68
Intl Bond Inc	92.35	98.67	+0.60	5.17
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	161.70	170.70	+1.50	0.75
Nth American	145.20	157.80	+0.40	0.01
Intl Bond & Conv	126.80	133.50†	+0.40	6.63
Pooled Pension (S)	235.00	252.70†		2.06
Smaller Cos	118.60	124.80†		0.90
UK General #	167.00	175.90†	+0.80	2.12
Far Eastern	92.08	96.97†	+0.21	.
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6236				
UK Equity Inc ‡	107.74		+0.10	4.78
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.01		+0.01	4.78
Preferred Income ‡	106.33		−0.19	5.08
Tax Pen ‡	105.88		+0.39	
Aztec ‡	64.86		+0.41	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	129.22		+0.44	
European ‡	167.87		+1.25	..
Global Bond ‡	88.19		−0.28	7.80
Sycamore ‡	54.49		+0.02	
UK Growth ‡	109.47		+0.45	2.62
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	111.51		−0.24	2.54
Investment Trust ‡	112.95		+1.09	1.50
Roll Up ‡	96.26		+0.02	
Glob Gwth PEP	78.08	83.06	+0.41	1.19
Inv Trust PEP	56.87	62.62	−0.08	2.49
Pref Inc PEP #	104.30	110.90†		6.05
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	439.40	464.90	−1.70	
Capital	145.20	156.20		1.40
Cash	100.67	100.67	+0.04	5.45
European	163.30	172.80	+0.80	0.56
Far Eastern	156.40	165.50		
Growth	166.50	175.10		1.23
Income #	*137.30*	*145.30*	−0.20	5.07
Magnum	153.80	164.20		1.46
Smlr Secs	555.70	588.00†	−0.70	0.29
Thoroughbred	179.00	191.40†		1.36
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cobbld Prfmnce	57.50	61.46	+0.05	7.00
Ethical	81.91	87.60	−0.30	0.91
European Growth	82.43	87.41	+0.25	1.70
Income	61.34	65.80†	+0.06	3.21
Intl Growth	112.90	119.60	+0.10	1.75
Managed	94.17	99.80	+0.20	2.00
UK Growth	78.00	83.42	+0.02	1.80
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngrs Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.13	46.37		1.20
Global Advtg Acc	50.28	50.54		1.20
Income Advtg Inc	35.48	35.66		2.88
Income Advtg Acc	41.58	41.79		2.88
UK Equity Gth Acc	102.00	108.20		0.88
Premier Inc Inc	49.23	51.82		6.92
Premier Inc Acc	52.77	55.55		6.92
Managed Acc	63.63	67.45		1.74
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.73	43.18†	−	3.79
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	54.33	57.59		3.79
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	78.41	82.32	.	2.03
UK Equity Gen Inc	58.16	59.67†		2.03
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	31.50	33.32†	.	6.60
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	361.40	382.70	.	1.38
Nth American Acc	59.43	63.15		
Pacific Basin	44.37	47.15		0.35
European Acc	59.92	63.67		0.27
Japan Acc	25.53	27.13	.	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZS)	4.652	4.937		1.88
US Eqts (US$)	3.480	3.692†		0.75
Far East Eqts (yen)	262.90	279.20†		
FT Europe	152.10	161.50†		1.20
FT N Amer (US$)	2.676	2.836†		
FT Japan (yen)	231.90	245.00†	..	.
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.934	3.118†		1.34
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	538.70	570.60	+2.40	
British #	1303.60	1379.20	+4.40	3.04
Emging Mkts	158.10	168.40	−0.30	0.79
Euro Small Co	62.04	66.08†	+0.34	0.62
Japan	122.30	129.80	−0.20	
New Pacific	430.80	458.80	+0.10	1.14
-do- Accum	463.50	493.70	+0.10	1.14
Inv Trust Acc	301.90	320.00	+0.90	1.73
Mngd Equity	207.80	219.90	+0.60	1.09
Mngd Cash	95.81	95.81	+0.02	5.37
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 369				
Equity	1085.00	1160.00	+4.00	2.77
North America	203.70	217.90	+0.20	
Far East	163.30	174.60	+1.20	
Wwide Bond	58.06	61.63†	+0.05	3.92
European	140.90	150.70†	+0.90	0.66
Equity Income #	109.00	116.60	+0.31	5.16
Portfolio	111.10	118.80	+0.50	1.56
UK Leading Cos	78.60	83.64	+0.48	3.56
High Inc Bond	50.00	50.12†	+0.10	6.64
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	76.86	81.35	+0.09	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Amerca UT	23.62	25.13†	+0.01	0.60
Corp Bd/Gilt Inc	96.36	102.52	+0.18	7.22
Corp Bd & Gilt Acc	100.73	107.17†	+0.19	7.22
European	48.96	52.09	+0.29	0.21
High Income	35.09	37.34†	+0.08	3.98
Japan	32.23	34.29†	−0.05	0.01
Managed Assets	143.68	153.87	+0.39	1.44
North American	46.54	49.52†	−0.09	0.49
Smlr Co's Inc	37.49	39.89†	−0.03	1.76
Smlr Co's Acc	41.20	43.83†	−0.03	1.76
UK Growth Inc	63.50	67.56	+0.17	2.45
UK Growth Acc	71.53	76.10†	+0.20	2.45
UK Income	45.62	48.80	+0.09	3.24
Worldwide Gwth	40.87	42.72†	*+0.07*	*0.02*
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European Exmpt	98.82	99.82	+0.94	1.36
Japan Exempt	*27.30*	*28.05†*	*−0.07*	0.12
US Exmpt	97.62	100.64†	−0.17	1.31
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	56.83	60.46†	+0.02	.
Cap Protector Inc	47.75	50.80†	+0.21	2.79
UK Income Inc	61.26	65.17	+0.30	3.20
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	35.44	37.49†	+0.14	6.73
Mngd High Yld Inc	89.69	95.41†	+0.52	4.40
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	86.91	92.46†	+0.34	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	42.01	44.69†	−0.01	1.73
Pacific Gth Port	51.07	54.32	*+0.19*	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	315.09	333.43	+7.14	
-do- Accum	347.06	367.26	+1.26	
Brit Growth	120.16	127.16†	+0.51	1.57
-do- Accum	150.29	159.04†	+0.64	1.57
European	125.54	132.84	+1.29	0.49
-do- Accum	134.09	141.89	+1.32	0.49
Extra Income #	206.22	218.22	+0.47	4.95
-do- Accum #	379.28	401.36	+0.88	4.95
Smaller Cos	94.10	99.58	−0.09	0.65
-do- Accum	107.89	114.17	−0.09	0.65
General	357.31	378.10	+1.09	1.89
-do- Accum	763.69	808.14	+2.33	1.89
Premier Income	51.30	53.44†	+0.13	6.33
-do- Accum	129.43	134.83†	+0.34	6.33
Income #	378.58	400.61	+1.16	3.15
-do- Accum #	875.95	926.93	+2.70	3.15
Pacific	406.09	429.72	−0.06	0.13
-do- Accum	426.69	451.53	−0.08	0.13
International	632.98	669.82†	+2.80	0.09
-do- Accum	834.04	882.58†	+3.69	0.09
Nat Resources	179.83	190.29†	+0.35	0.30
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-do- Accum	169.88	179.77	+0.65	0.99
Environmental Inv	80.22	84.88	+0.39	0.98
Selector	74.43	78.76†	+0.23	1.34
-do- Accum	86.96	92.03†	+0.27	1.34
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-do- Accum	94.34	99.83	+0.22	4.18
Intl Income	62.68	66.33†	+0.13	4.75
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0181 667 1018				
British	410.40	432.00	+1.85	2.39
European	74.36	77.85†	+0.57	1.50
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4080				
Glob Growth Inc	232.73	245.91	−0.64	2.78
Glob Balncd Inc	194.55	208.07†	−0.23	1.21
Value Tst Inc	144.24	154.26	+0.05	1.86
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	43.51	46.31	+0.16	5.90
European Growth	345.76	362.05	*+1.22*	*1.00*
Exempt	681.29	711.59†	+3.31	3.20
Global Em Mkts	80.10	83.87	+0.17	0.60
Japan Tst	72.61	76.03	+0.15	
Little Dragons	95.62	*100.12*	*−0.26*	
Nth Amer Grth	296.64	310.61	−0.14	0.50
Oriental Income #	45.43	47.57†	+0.10	3.90
Preference	129.81	135.92†	+0.23	8.80
Tiger	295.13	*309.03*	*+1.32*	
UK Blue Chip	78.92	82.63	+0.81	1.80
UK Growth	671.19	702.81†	+3.94	1.00
UK High Yield #	114.42	119.81†	+0.46	5.70
UK Mid-Cap	335.27	351.06	+0.51	1.70
UK Smlr Cos	136.01	142.41	−0.01	0.79
UK Smlr Cos Div #	92.56	96.92	−0.22	5.70
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income #	113.09	120.31	+0.18	5.33
UK Equity Growth	101.77	108.27	+0.10	2.94
European	77.64	82.60†	+0.50	1.37
Nth American	86.83	92.37	−0.13	0.29
Far Eastern	76.54	81.43	+0.13	0.70
Money	71.94	71.94	+0.01	4.53
Fixed Interest #	80.35	85.48	+0.21	7.51
Index Linked Gilt	73.14	77.81	+0.25	1.27
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	104.20	104.20†	+0.09	7.03
Pens Growth	99.56	99.58		
Pens Inc Protec	100.43	100.43		...
UK Index Tracking @	130.11	130.11†	+0.46	2.89
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	28.12	29.59	+0.12	
Pacific Basin	41.26	43.43		
Global Bond (US$)	0.9340	0.9825	+0.0036	.
Penny Share	44.32	46.65	*+0.04*	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 823 2444				
Challenger				
Short Dat Gilt	90.25	93.16	+0.04	2.90
US Govt Bd (US$)	124.90	126.80	+0.10	
Gilt Income	0.7850	0.7952	+0.01	
Gilt Growth	51.81	53.91	+0.10	
Sterling Bond	77.76	80.91	+0.17	
	49.43	51.25	+0.10	6.70
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd				
UK Stockmarket	55.51	58.93	+0.08	1.89
Corporate Bd Inc	103.90	110.50	+0.60	2.49
Do Accum	48.78	49.91	*+0.07*	6.62
	50.35	50.40	+0.08	6.62

Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; .. No significant data; # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	464	-14	6.7	13.3
625	477	Bulmer (HP)	531½	-1	3.1	17.8
131	66½	Burn-Stewart†	69½	-2	6.1	73.9
775	615	Glenmorangie A	780		2.0	19.5
496	411	Grand Met	483	+3½	4.1	19.7
493	430	Guinness	445½	+8½	4.3	13.9
378	315	Highland Dist	330	-½	3.2	15.6
303	277½	Matthew Clark	289½	-2	10.4	12.7
141	93	Merrydown W	119½		5.1	10.1
2612½	1500	SA Breweries	1509½	+12½	2.1	...

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3716¾	2743¾	ABN-AMRO	3646½	+12½	3.6	13.3
693	528	Abbey Natl	646	..	4.5	11.9
400	315	Allied Irish	397½	-¼	4.5	11.4
374¾	285	Aus New Z	355¾	-2¾	5.2	8.7
5784¾	3843¾	Bank America†	5784¾	+53¾		
318	227½	Bank Scotland†	277½	+1½	3.3	10.2
1012	683	Barclays	951	+7½	3.7	10.4
528½	413	Bk of Ireland	512	-¼	3.7	11.7
482	379	Cater Allen	388½		9.7	11.5
5668¾	4031¼	Citicorp	5662½	..		
392	307½	Close Bros	328¾		3.8	13.2
1575	1316¾	Commerzbk	1403¾		3.5	...
1350	996¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1031¼	+3¾	0.4	...
3412½	2768¾	Deutsche Bk	2825	+37½	2.8	
806¼	593¾	Espirito Santo	759¾		4.4	10.8
1507	1084¼	Fuji Bank Y	1121	+5½	0.4	
472	260	Gerrard Natl	271	+1	10.6	11.0
267½	196	Hambros	252½	-½	3.7	
1316	931	HSBC	1285¾	-2	3.7	12.2
1284½	930	HSBC HK	1254	-4¾	3.8	11.9
475	385	Irish Perm	475	+5½	3.0	13.0
197	143	King Shaxson	178½	+2	6.3	15.5
465	405	Leopold J	465		5.2	18.8
416½	294½	Lloyds TSB	392½	+3½	3.8	18.2
685¼	568	Nat Aust Bk	653¼	-4¼	6.3	8.8
726½	605½	Nat West	677½	+11½	4.9	9.7
67	49½	Rea Brothers	68½		2.0	24.9
595	464	Ryl Bk Scot	487½	+5	4.4	10.9
1465	1185	Schroders	1375	+4	1.8	15.6
1205	880	Schroders N/V	1175	...	1.9	13.4
134	98½	Singer & Fried	127	..	4.2	9.3
729½	547	Stand Chart	667	+4½	2.2	13.0
115½	85½	Union	98½		3.8	10.6
£174¾	£131¾	Wells Fargo	£164¾		1.9	...
352¾	264	Westpac	337½	-7	4.0	10.9
360	269	Wintrust	320		4.9	16.8

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	36	Abrdn Stk HO	70	....	...	10.5
846½	702	Bass	763½	+5	3.8	16.4
70	40	Bk for the Brit	50½	..	4.1	15.8
205	181	Burtonwood Brwt	189	-1	4.2	15.2
135¾	92	City Centre Rest	133½		2.1	25.2
621	463	Compass Gp	598	+1	1.7	28.5
266	180	Eldridge P 'A'	242½		2.5	22.4
540	413	Fuller Sm 'A'	452½		2.5	15.5
636	546	Greenalls Gp	588	+2	3.1	18.0
671	567¾	Greene King	653¾	...	3.0	18.4
285	190	Grosvenor Inns	196	...	3.7	20.8
259	204	Groupe Chez Gerr	245½	...	1.4	...
357	280½	Hardy Hanson	294		4.3	11.0
3475	2750	Holt J	2762½		2.6	14.9
72	45	Inn Business	67½		1.0	31.8
355	298	Mansfield	299		2.5	14.6
353½	275	Marston Thmp	285	+1	3.1	12.0
673	535	Morland	585		2.6	17.7
187½	118	My Kinda Town	187		2.0	16.3
7¼	4½	Paramount	6½		4.2	10.4
536½	217	PizzaExpress	499¾		0.7	38.5
438	245	Ransdens	380	-2¾	1.6	40.7

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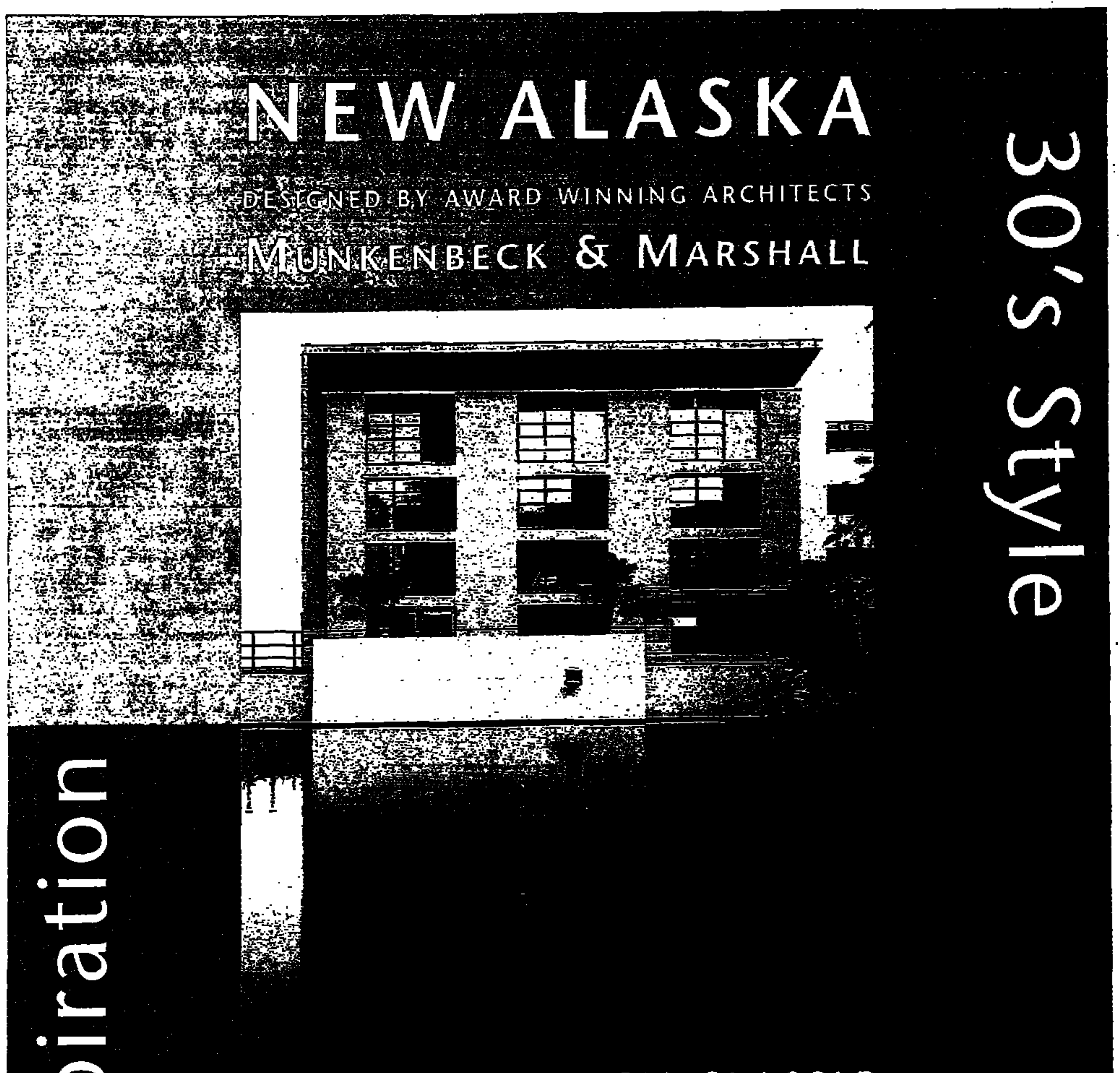

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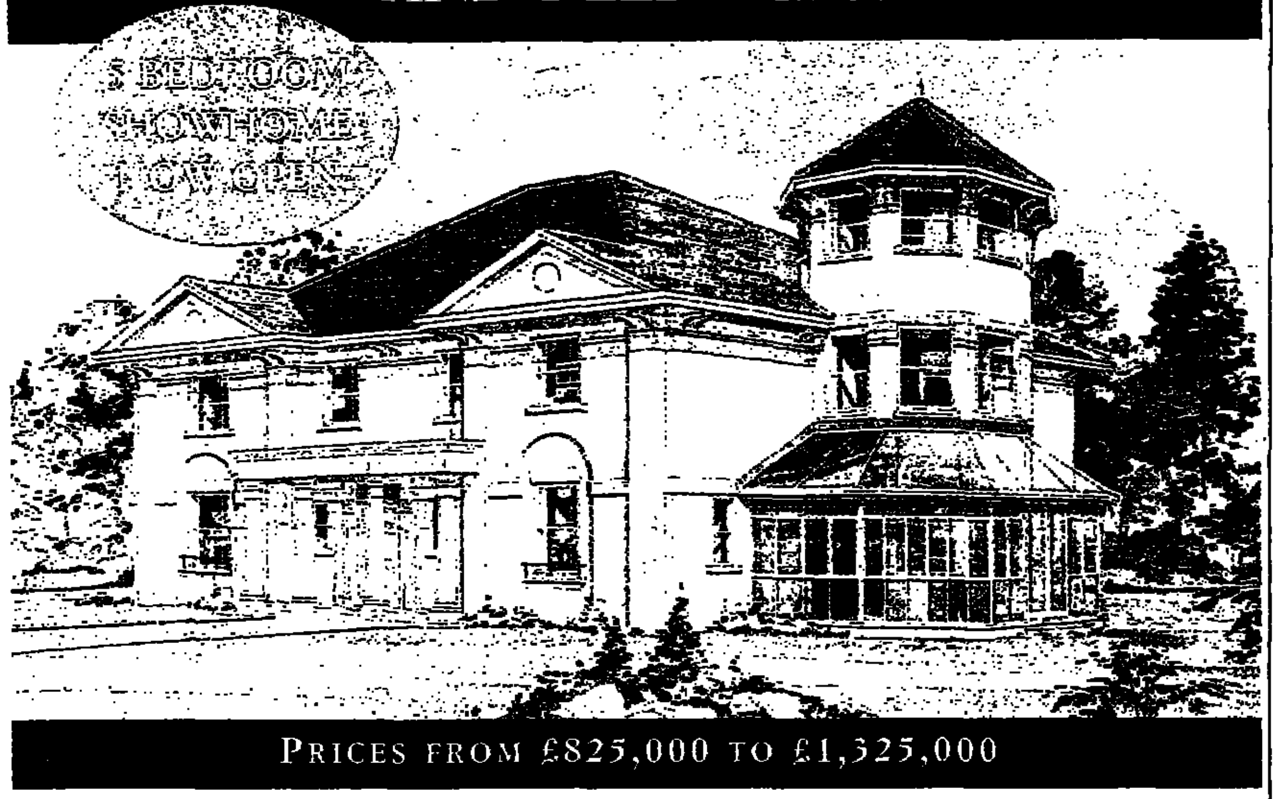

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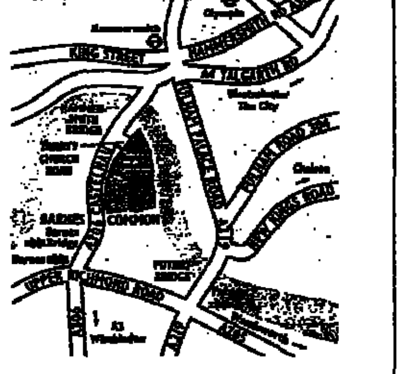

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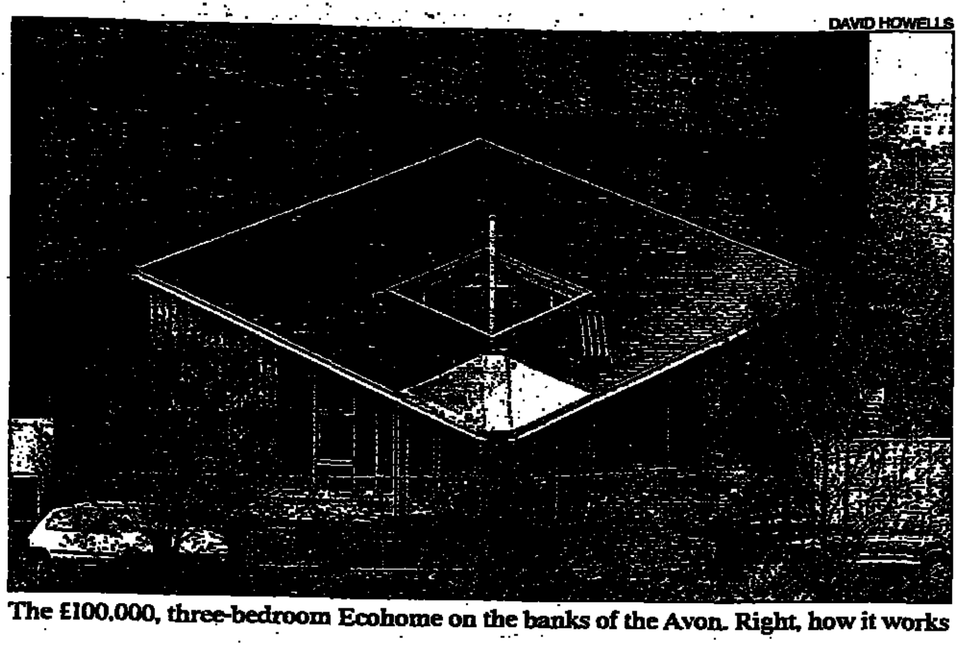

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The £100,000, three-bedroom Ecohome on the banks of the Avon. Right, how it works

The best in the West?

Rachel Kelly on a model of energy-efficient design that costs only £65 a year to heat

It is, the architects say, one of the most energy-efficient and environment-friendly houses to be built in the West. The £100,000 three-bedroom house in Cumberland Road, Bristol, will cost just £65 a year to heat, its hot water costs £48 a year and its appliances will cost a predicted £260 a year.

The house, commissioned by Bristol City Council, and designed by Richard Swann of the architects Bruges Tozer, in Bristol, has been built to inspire. Work began in January and the cube-shaped house was completed last month. It will open to the public early next year, initially as home to a caretaker who will demonstrate its features.

The design was chosen from 84 architectural schemes submitted to Bristol City Council. Penny Gane, group manager of health and environmental development, says: "It is a show home, rather than a prototype for other homes."

Built with council money and next door to the council's recycling and environmental centre known as Create, the south-facing house is built of recycled Somerset bricks interspersed with narrow bands of new bricks.

The upper walls are timber-framed and clad with renewable red cedar which requires no maintenance. The roof, of recycled slate, slopes steeply south to a conservatory. Glass walls on the south side maximise light and heat.

Downstairs are two bedrooms, the caretaker's flat, a kitchen, dining room and bathroom. The ground-floor bedrooms are surrounded by blocks of fuel ash to keep in the heat. Conventional radiators provide heat in winter.

Upstairs is an L-shaped open-plan living room with a sun deck providing views of the River Avon. An exposed condensing boiler is fed with water preheated by solar roof panels. A small balcony will lead to a bridge that will be built to connect the house to Create's information centre.

Heat is drawn through the conservatory and funnelled to the dining room and kitchen through a series of vents which open in the warm weather. Warmth generated by the stove and electrical equipment in the kitchen combines with the air from the conservatory and is passed upstairs to the living room. Beneath the living room floor is an underfloor heating system, which uses hot water from the condensing boiler.

Should the house become too hot, wax cylinder vents are activated, which open small panels at the tops of windows. A large louvre on the top north corner of the building can be opened manually to boost air convection through the house.

The house is thickly insulated using treated newspaper pulp and has "breathing" walls, which allow moisture out, helping to prevent condensation. Hot water is stored in roof-mounted cylinders that feed into the boiler. The gas boiler in turn fires as a back-up, depending on the season.

The bathroom has a shallow bath to conserve water, flow restrictors on the cold taps and a low capacity cistern. Water from the sloping roof collects in a pond by the conservatory and is used to water the "permaculture" garden: one with layers of ground cover and shrubs, which require no maintenance.

Electric cables and switches, and the drainpipes, feature the only plastic in the house . Even the furnishings are green. Builders have used natural mineral paint and the carpets are made of coconut fibres.

As technology advances, so will the house. Diane Bunyan, the council's chairwoman of health and environmental services, says: "We want to make Bristol a more sustainable city and we see this as an evolving project. We don't want to say this is the best ever house; you can never really get it right. It's a subject for debate."

The problem, as Ms Gane admits, is the obstacles that await would-be green homeowners. There are excellent reasons to use solar power. The energy from the sun is clean and abundant; a new report from Greenpeace says that the amount received in 30 minutes is the equivalent of the power used by the entire population of the Earth in a year.

There are two main ways of using solar energy: the more standard panels based on tubes filled with water that provide a house with hot water; and the rarer and more sophisticated photovoltaic panels that contain light-sensitive cells which can actually provide electricity.

The possibility of covering the Ecohome with photovoltaic panels was discussed, Mr Swann says. Sadly, photovoltaic panels in British homes do not make economic sense. "The aim of the Ecohome," Mr Swann says, "is to demonstrate viable environmental solutions." So the Ecohome uses solar panels instead. "Ideally," he adds, "one would use both types of panels."

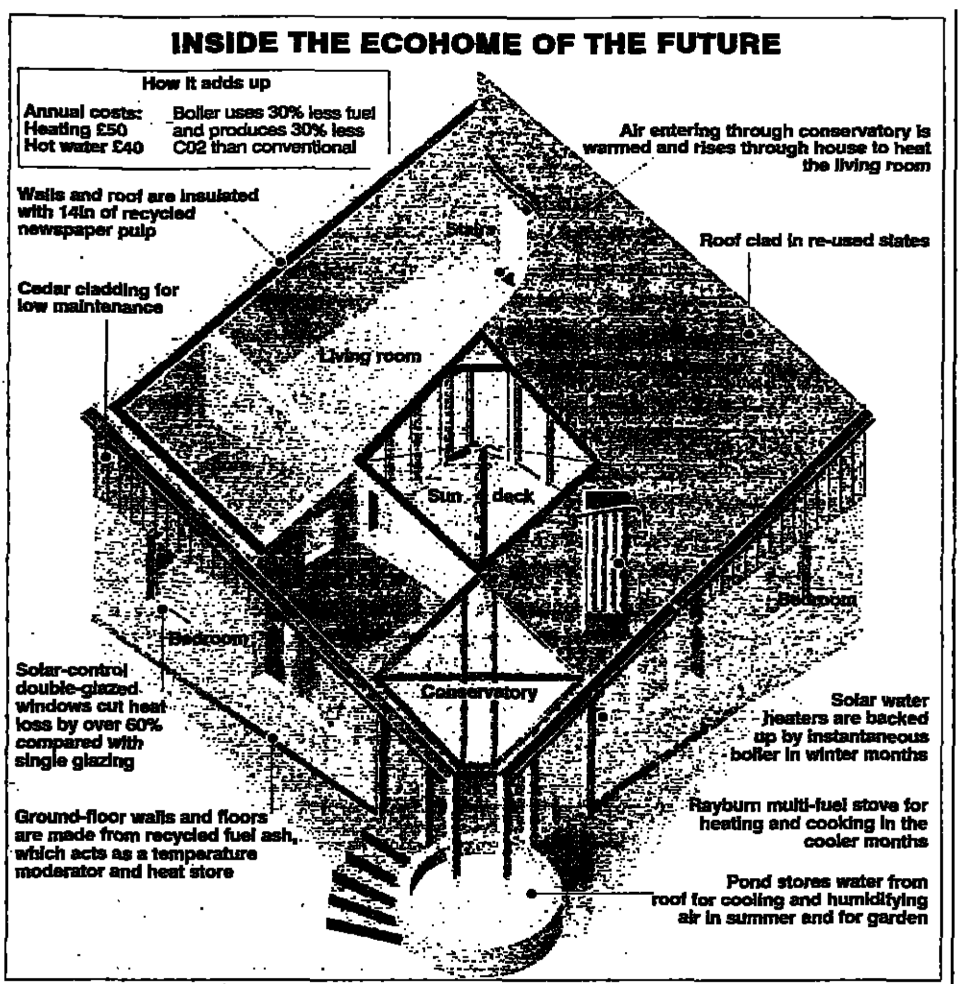
There is little government encouragement to ease the cost of installing such photovoltaic panels, and the paucity of solar electric equipment firms means that there are few economies of scale.

By contrast, in Germany there are subsidies of up to 70 per cent to help homeowners to install photovoltaic panels.

Greenpeace estimates that the average solar electric system fitted to a British home will add 8.3 per cent to a total building cost of £120,000. Bulk purchasing could reduce the cost from about £11,000 to £8,000. That means that a unit of solar electricty will cost between four and ten times as much as a unit of conventional power. But over time it should become more competitive. If the utility companies paid more for electricity, it would transform the economics of such installations.

"The Government and industry should see the sense in tipping the scales of the economy in favour of solar-powered electricity," Mr Swann says. "When it does, the Ecohome will be ready for them."

● *The Greenpeace report*, Building Homes with Solar Power, *can be obtained from Greenpeace (0171-865 8218).*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Rule your own Toytown castle

Christine Webb on a rare property

Fancy a miniature Sissinghurst? Kim and John Macdonald describe their home in East Sussex as a baby castle, and it is easy to see why. The converted Tudor gatehouse has an exquisite pair of turrets abreast a platform from which boiling oil might be poured. The building bears an uncanny resemblance to The Keep at Sissinghurst, 25 miles away, which Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson bought in 1930, although this house's turret rooms are bigger than the The Keep's, where Ms Sackville-West had her study.

Weather vanes top the domed roofs of the turrets, and a flagpole pierces the air. The current owners of the Gate House, at Bolebroke Castle, Hartfield, usually fly the Union Flag, but they change it on saints' days, teetering on the parapets to hoist the Welsh or Scots flag.

The huge oak front door is thought to be one of the oldest in the country and inside it is a tiny picket door. Mr Macdonald likes to think that the large door was designed to facilitate the passage of people in armour and the smaller door of men in mufti.

An oak spiral staircase in the west turret, worn and slippery from centuries of use, leads to a bedroom with windows on four sides. The turret rooms have tiny windows, which make the rooms ideal as ensuite bathrooms for the bedrooms. A second bedroom on the next floor has outstanding views.

Mrs Macdonald says: "That bedroom must have made a splendid lookout. One history book suggests, however, that it had to cope only with petty marauders." She and her husband are selling the Gate House to move to the West Country.

The house is mentioned in Pevsner's *The Buildings of England* as follows:

Bolebroke, 1.25m NNW (of Hartfield). The substantial fragment of a C16 brick mansion. What remains is first of all the gatehouse with polygonal turrets to the outside, covered by ogee caps. Three-light brick windows. To the inside, buttress-shafts instead of turrets.

Bolebrook Castle itself, which stands on one side of the Gate House, was used by Henry VIII as a hunting lodge, and it is said that he based himself there while courting Anne Boleyn. Past owners include the Earls and Dukes of Dorset.

It is thought that the Gate House was built in 1500, but some historians think the materials used came from an even older building. The bricks it is built of are unusually flat, long and thin, measuring about 10in by 5in by 2in.

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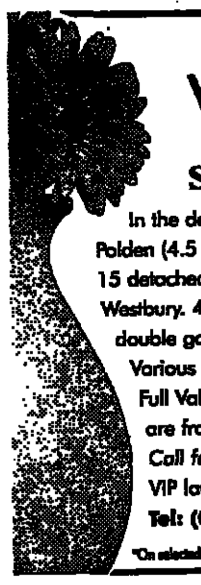

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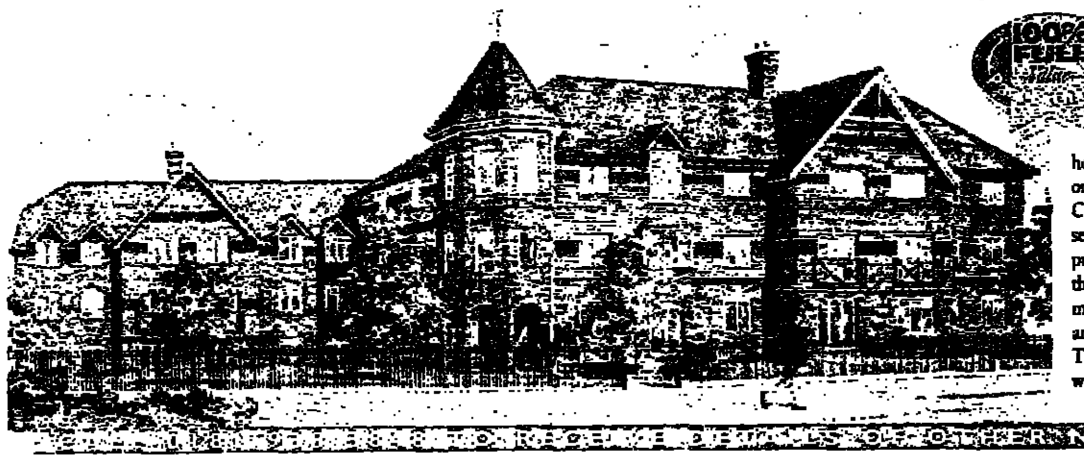

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Law Report November 13 1996

Wife must pay half to bank

Dunbar Bank plc v Nadeem and Another

Before Mr Robert Englehart, QC

[Judgment November 7]

Where a husband used a bank loan to purchase a property in the joint names of himself and his wife and the property was also charged to secure his personal borrowings from the bank, the wife could only succeed in having the bank's charge set aside for undue influence on the part of her husband of which the bank had constructive notice if she repaid to the bank half of the sum used to purchase the property.

Mr Robert Englehart, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge so held in a *reserved judgment in* the Chancery Division on an action for possession of a leasehold property brought by Dunbar Bank plc against Maurice Nadeem and his wife Zubaida Nadeem.

Mr John Cherryman, QC and Mr John Horan for the bank; Mr Leolin Price, QC and Mr Bernard Devlin for Mrs Nadeem; Mr Nadeem did not appear and was not represented.

HIS LORDSHIP said that this was another in the succession of cases since *Barclays Bank v O'Brien* ([1994] 1 AC 180) and *CIBC Mortgages plc v Pitt* ([1994] 1 AC 200). Such cases typically involved a wife seeking to resist a bank's claim to enforce its charge over a domestic property by asserting that her apparent assent was vitiated by the transaction having been procured by undue influence or misrepresentation on the part of her husband.

Where it differed was that the transaction *could not be neatly* categorised as a pure surety case such as *O'Brien* or as an ordinary case of joint borrowing for joint purposes as in *Pitt*.

On the facts of the case there was one obvious feature which was plainly disadvantageous to Mrs Nadeem and solely in the interests *of Mr Nadeem. Of the joint loan* facility of £260,000, although £210,000 was used to acquire the leasehold property, the sum of £50,000 was to be applied by the bank solely to meet Mr Nadeem's existing personal liability to the bank and all outstanding liabilities would be repayable forthwith on *demand*.

To the extent of £50,000 it was not even a case of Mrs Nadeem guaranteeing a debt of her husband in the event of his default. It was a straightforward substitution of a joint debt for one in respect of which he was solely liable.

On the other hand Mrs Nadeem was able to acquire a joint interest in a property worth £400,000 for a loan of £260,000. Thus she received a joint interest in a net *equity worth £140,000*.

Nevertheless, given all the surrounding circumstances, his Lordship agreed that the apparent notional gain of £140,000 in which Mrs Nadeem would have a joint interest was no more than illusory.

He considered that the transaction as a whole was manifestly disadvantageous to Mrs Nadeem. *He also concluded that it was a* case where as between Mr and Mrs Nadeem the presumption of undue influence arose and there was nothing to rebut such presumption.

He considered that the circumstances as a whole were such as to put the bank on inquiry of the possible *existence of undue in*fluence and that as it had not taken any, let alone reasonable steps to ascertain whether Mrs Nadeem fully appreciated what she was doing it had constructive notice of the undue influence.

It followed that, but for an important consideration, Mrs Nadeem would be entitled to set aside the charge against the bank.

Mr Cherryman relied on various well known passages in the *speech of Lord Blackburn in Erlanger v New Sombrero Phosphate Co* ((1878) 3 App Cas 1218) to the effect that a party seeking rescission had to be in a position to make restitutio in integrum. He submitted that there could be no setting aside here unless Mrs Nadeem accounted to the bank for *the benefit she had received from* the use of its money.

He said the charge should only be set aside on condition Mrs Nadeem paid the bank the whole or half of the £210,000 used to acquire the lease plus interest. A comparable order had been made in *Midland Bank plc v Greene* ([1994] 2 FLR 827).

As to whether the sum should be the whole £210,000 or half of it, there was no authority.

Here there was a joint loan by *which Mrs Nadeem acquired* a joint, even if readily severable, leasehold interest. Mrs Nadeem herself did not just borrow £105,000. On the other hand, Mrs Nadeem did not herself get the benefit of the whole £210,000 or the sole leasehold interest.

If *she* were required to pay £210,000 she would not simply be making restitution of what she had received but would in addition be funding her husband's share of the loan and his interest in the lease.

As pointed out in the *Erlanger* case (at p1279) equity "can do what is practically just, though it cannot restore the parties precisely to the state they were in before the contract".

The right order, in his Lordship's view, was to set aside the charge as against Mrs Nadeem only if she paid the bank £105,000 plus interest within three months. If she was unwilling or unable to comply with the condition, the charge would stand.

Solicitors: Nicholson Graham & Jones; Rippon Patel & French.

Non-party cannot take benefit of covenant

Amsprop Trading Ltd v Harris Distribution Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Neuberger

[Judgment November 6]

A person who was not a party to a contract could not take the benefit of a covenant contained in it under section 56 of the Law of Property Act 1925 even when he was named in the covenant as a person for whose benefit the covenant was made unless the contract purported to be made with him.

Mr Justice Neuberger so held on a preliminary issue in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division *dismissing the action* brought by Amsprop Trading Ltd against Harris Distribution Ltd and TDG Ltd.

Mr Christopher Cant for the plaintiff; Miss Judith Jackson, QC, for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that by clause 3 of an underlease the first defendant, the subtenant, covenanted with the tenant to repair the premises, to permit the superior landlord, the plaintiff's predecessor in title, to enter the premises to inspect the repairs and to recover the cost of any repairs not properly executed by the subtenant.

Clause 3(8) of the underlease between the tenant and the subtenant provided: "... and if the [subtenant] shall fail to comply with the requirements of such notice as aforesaid [it] shall be lawful for the superior landlords and the landlords ... or their [agents] to enter upon the ... *premises to execute such works* as may be necessary to comply with the same and in the event of the superior landlords or the landlords so entering the ... premises and carrying out such works to pay their costs and expenses of executing such works ..."

There was no privity of estate between a superior landlord and a subtenant. The plaintiff landlord could not therefore recover the cost of repairs directly from the sub*tenant* as there *was no privity of* contract or estate between them.

The plaintiff sought to overcome that obstacle by relying on section 56(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 which provided: "A person may take an immediate or other interest in land or other property, or the benefit of any condition, right of re-entry, covenant or agreement over or respecting land or other property, although he may not be named as a party to the conveyance or other instrument."

The plaintiff contended that it was entitled to enforce the covenants contained in the underlease against the subtenant because of the specific reference to "the superior landlords" in it and the fact that the benefits of the covenants were clearly meant to be for the benefit of the superior landlord.

His Lordship considered the facts and the precise wording of the underlease and head lease in question, and the authorities, in particular *White v Bijou Mansions Ltd* ([1937] Ch 610, 625), *Drive Yourself Hire Co (London) Ltd v Strutt* ([1954] 1 QB 250, 274) and *Beswick v Beswick* ([1968] AC 58) and declined to accede to the plaintiff's contention.

He considered that the ambit of section 56 was accurately *summarised in Megarry and Wade, The Law of Real Property* (5th edition (1984) p763): "The true aim of section 56 seems not to allow the third party to sue on a contract merely because it is made for his benefit; the contract must purport to be made with him. Just as, under the first part of the section, a person cannot benefit by conveyance unless it purports to made to him (as grantee), so he cannot benefit by a covenant which does not purport to made with him (as covenantee)": see also the notes to section 56(1) in volume 1 of *Wolstenholme and Cherry's Conveyancing Statutes* (13th edition (1972) p133).

Quite apart from that, his Lordship agreed with Miss Jackson that the observations of Mr Justice Dillon in *Lyus v Prowsa* ([1982] 1 WLR 1044, 1049C-E) were consistent with that view. Indeed, if he were to decide the point in favour of the plaintiff it would be inconsistent with the conclusion of Mr Justice Dillon.

His Lordship therefore considered that it would not be open to the plaintiff to enforce the covenant contained in clause 3(7) and (8) directly against the subtenant even though there was express reference to "the superior landlords" in those two sub-clauses.

From that it followed that it would not be open to the plaintiff to enforce the covenants contained in clause 3(4) and (33) of the underlease, because there was not even any reference to "the superior landlords" in those two sub-clauses.

Accordingly, the plaintiff could not enforce any of the covenants in these proceedings.

Solicitors: Montlake & Co, Ilford; Burges Salmon, Bristol.

Court of Appeal

Awarding public works contracts

Regina v Portsmouth City Council, Ex parte Coles and Another

Same v Same, Ex parte George Austin (Builders) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice Thorpe

[Judgment November 8]

If a local authority, in determining whether to make an award for contracts for public works, failed to state in the invitations to tender, the criteria, as required by legislation, to be used *for the award of the* contracts, it breached its obligations both in relation to inviting tenders and also in relation to the award of contracts.

Nevertheless, if an authority decided to use its own direct labour department, it was not entering into a public works contract within *the European Works Directive* (71/305/EEC, as amended by Directive 89/440/EEC), and was entitled so to grant the work.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of Colwick Builders Ltd and dismissing the appeals of Peter Coles and George Austin (Builders) Ltd, all private sector building contractors, against the judgment of Mr Justice Keene on June 6, 1995, who, inter alia, dismissed their applications for judicial review of a decision by Portsmouth City Council on September 23, 1992, to award part or all of a number of contracts for works in respect of its local authority housing to its own direct labour organisation.

Miss Lindsay Boswell for the *building contractors; Mr John* Cavanagh for the council.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that after April 1992 the council wished to arrange for work relating to the maintenance and improvement of its housing to be carried out under three contracts.

*By July tenders had been re*ceived for two of the contracts and invitations to tender sent out for the third. In September the council resolved that its own labour department, PCS, should be awarded 40 per cent of the work under one contract, 60 per cent under another and all the work under the third. The private building contractors were the lowest tenderers under some of the contracts.

The judge, *inter alia*, rejected the argument that the council, in respect of one of the contracts, was obliged to make an award on the basis of the lowest price offered, although he found the council breached regulation 20(3) of the Public Works Contracts Regulations (SI 1991 No 2680) in failing to *state the criteria in one of the ways* required.

In respect of another contract he found that the criteria applied to the tenders had not been stated in the contract notice or in the contract documents, and concluded there was a breach of article 29(2) of the Works Directive, and that the building contractors would have a claim for damages.

Miss Boswell contended that, since the judge held the council breached the 1991 Regulations and the Works Directive, it was precluded from awarding the contracts on the basis of the undisclosed criteria; she relied on *Commission v Belgium* (Case C-87/94) (ECJ, April 25, 1996, paragraphs 88 and 89).

She submitted that since the council failed to mention the criteria applicable in the contract documents, it could not take account of them as award criteria; therefore, it was unable to award the contracts on the economically advantageous basis, under article 29(1), and accordingly was obliged to adopt the lowest price basis under that article: *Gebroeders Beentjes BV v The Netherlands* (Case 31/87) ([1988] 5 ECR 4635, 4649-4650, paragraph 38).

In his Lordship's view, concealment of the criteria to be applied before awarding the contracts was incontestably inconsistent with transparency and equal treatment between contractors, and Miss Boswell's argument was unanswerable.

However, Mr Cavanagh contended, in respect of the contract to which the Works Directive applied, that in article 1 "public works contracts" were defined as "contracts for pecuniary consideration concluded in writing between a contractor (a natural or legal person) and an authority awarding contracts..."

He submitted that when awarding work to PCS the council were not, and could not have been awarding contracts properly so-called, because even if, which seemed unlikely, PCS could be regarded as a natural or legal person, *it was not possible for the* council to contract with its own department.

Liberally though the European Court might be expected to construe the provision, it was difficult to see how, unless by analogy, a council could be regarded as having made with its department "contracts for pecuniary consideration".

His Lordship added that the argument did not apply to the contract to which the 1991 Regulations applied because of the provisions of regulation 20(8). Although Miss Boswell submitted that regulation 20(8) did no more than reproduce the express or implied effect of the Works Directive, that was not a permissible approach to construction in the absence of a provision in the directive which afforded a basis for the inclusion of regulation 20(8) in the 1991 Regulations. It had to be regarded as having been *included* by the draftsman of the 1991 Regulations in order to make good an obvious lacuna in the Works Directive.

His Lordship regarded it as inescapable that, when awarding work to PCS the council were not entering into a public works contract *within the meaning of the* Works Directive, which could therefore have no application to the particular transaction.

Therefore, the appeal would be allowed in relation to the contract to which the 1991 Regulations applied, and those to which the directive applied dismissed.

Lord Justice Hobhouse gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Thorpe agreed.

Solicitors: Glanvilles Damant, Newport, IoW; Mr Barry P. Smith, Portsmouth.

County establishes grammar school in borough

Regina v Buckinghamshire County Council, Ex parte Milton Keynes Borough Council

Before Mr Justice Ognall

[Judgment October 28]

It was not without the powers of a county council as a local education authority to publish its intention to establish a new grammar school and to make proposals for that purpose to the secretary of state when it knew that it would only open once another council, which was opposed to the school, was the relevant local education authority.

Mr Justice Ognall so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application for judicial review by Milton Keynes Borough Council seeking, *inter alia*, a declaration that the decision of Buckinghamshire County Council, as local education authority for an area including Milton Keynes, on May 18, 1995 to publish notices under section 12 of the Education Act 1980 of its intention to establish a new grammar school in Milton Keynes was ultra vires.

The resolution of the county council concerned the establishment of a grammar school the first *phase of which could not have* been thought would open before September 1998.

The county council was aware that from April 1, 1997 the borough council was to replace it as the local education authority for the area and it was also aware that if its proposals for the establishment of a grammar school got beyond a particular stage, by the time the borough council became the education authority there would be *little it could do to alter or modify* the proposals. It would therefore be saddled with the establishment of a grammar school to which it was strongly opposed.

Section 12 of the Education Act 1980 provides:

"(1) Where a local education authority intend (a) to establish a *new county school ... they shall* publish their proposals for that purpose..."

Mr Joseph Harper, QC, for the borough council; Mr James Goudie QC and Mr Peter Oldham for the county council.

MR JUSTICE OGNALL said that the borough contended that by virtue of section 12(1) the county could only publish its proposals where it intended to establish a new county school; that unless it was the case, consistent with the ordinary meaning of the words, that the school could have been established 17 months before it *could be first opened*, at a stage when it was not yet built, the county could not have had any intention itself to establish a grammar school.

"Establishment" did not mean the same as "opened" but none of the long processes of establishment could have been put in place before the borough became the education authority therefore, the borough said, the resolution was outside the terms of section 12.

The county argued, inter alia, that "establish" meant no more than to put in train procedures for the establishment of a school; that the concept of a local education authority was that it was an institution which was always there irrespective of the identity of the particular authority and that the borough's construction of section 12(1) would lead to absurd consequences with the powers of an education authority being effectively shorn for a long period.

While his Lordship had every sympathy with the strong feelings of the borough, which were sincerely held, his Lordship was persuaded by the reasoning and arguments of the county which were to be preferred over those of the borough.

Accordingly, a challenge to the consultation process, which had been examined by his Lordship, not having been successful, the application would be dismissed.

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POP: **David Sinclair** on the real reasons for tomorrow's MTV Awards and other musical gong-fests; plus gig reviews

See the show, buy the album

Let hands be shook, champagne poured: yes. I've come for my award. So sang *the Beautiful South* a few years ago. And there will be plenty of champers and glad-handing going on tomorrow night when the 1996 MTV Europe Awards, hosted by Robbie Williams, will be staged at Alexandra Palace in north London.

George Michael, Simply Red, the Fugees, Bryan Adams, Metallica, Kula Shaker, Boyzone, Peter Andre and Garbage will be among the acts performing before an invited audience of 4,500 music industry movers and shakers. But their real target will be the viewers in a potential 55 million European households who will be able to see the ceremony live on MTV, and the further hundreds of millions worldwide who will be able to tune in for the recorded version in the days following.

The old sporting adage that it is not so much the winning as the taking part that counts could have been invented to describe the modern televised music awards show. As Ed Bicknell, manager of Mark Knopfler and Dire Straits, explains, they are more a shop window for the industry than a calibration of musical excellence or a means of promoting new talent. "It is basically a vehicle for selling records, and what television wants is big names and lots of glitz," he says. "In America, the Grammies are treated by the record companies in just the same way that the Oscars are treated by the film industry. An enormous amount of lobbying goes on to get acts nominated and to get acts performing at them. Once they do get on, people such as Madonna will make a huge effort to make their performance stand out."

With the *Q* Awards (televised last week on VH-1), the Music of Black Origin Awards (ITV, November 21) the *Smash Hits* Poll Winners' Party (live on BBC1, December 1) and the Brits (ITV, February 25), the calendar is becoming crowded with such events. But is their significance becoming eroded as a result?

"The MTV awards are not the run-of-the-mill industry backslapping exercise that most of us are accustomed to going to," says Peter Einstein, business director of MTV Europe. "These awards really represent the views and tastes of young Europeans."

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In which case, one inevitably wonders why there are not more acts of a specifically European (as opposed to Anglo-American) provenance involved. "That's simply the way the market is," says Brent Hansen, creative director of MTV Europe. "We have got [Italian singer] Eros Ramazotti on stage. [German punk group] Die Toten Hosen are in there along with [Italian techno DJ] Robert Miles. But we can't start loading it with European acts just to score points. The winners are voted for by the viewers, and for the kid on the street in Istanbul or Jerusalem it's what is happening out there."

There is a deeply held, if rather old-fashioned, view that MTV itself has played no small part in reinforcing the dominance of American popular culture abroad. But, as Charlie Gillett, director of Oval Records and respected radio broadcaster, points out, the reverse may be true. "I've been dismayed by the role MTV seems to have had in standardising music into different categories in America," Gillett says. "But I think it has had a different effect in Europe. German, Danish and Swedish acts, particularly dance acts such as Ace of Base, have surfaced through MTV Europe, and not all of them are bad. Ace of Base's first record was great."

A more difficult charge to answer is that awards shows have played a significant part in delivering rock'n'roll, once the sound of youthful rebellion, into the arms of the dreaded establishment. There were far more politicians and peers than pop stars in attendance at last week's launch party for the MTV awards, held at the National Portrait Gallery. The keynote speech was delivered by Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, who is becoming something of a regular at these affairs.

According to the Labour MP Austin Mitchell, his fellow parliamentarians were there for "the free booze, the free food and because it was at the National Gallery. But it's also because they want to talk to a different crowd, which they can't do elsewhere."

However, this kind of thing does not go down well among the more diehard firebrands in the pop industry. "I think MTV is as out of touch as the old Radio 1 was," says Alan McGee, president of semi-independent Creation Records and mentor of Oasis, who are shortlisted in three categories of tomorrow's awards. "MTV doesn't do anything for new bands on independent labels. It's the most establishment format imaginable, summed up by the fact that Virginia Bottomley was the hostess with the mostest at the pre-awards drink-up."

● *The 1996 MTV Europe Music Awards will be broadcast live tomorrow (9pm) on MTV and on Saturday by ITV (10.55pm)*

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Robbie Williams, host of the MTV award ceremony, gets cosy with model *Carla Bruni* at last year's beano

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His vocal talents have survived the years almost intact, even if the lyrics of his theme tune, *Messin' with the Kid*, don't exactly fit the bill nowadays. When he did get around to playing the harmonica, the solos were short and sharp (verging on the discordant at times) but effective.

It would have been a joy to see Wells playing with some of the guests on his new album — slide guitarist Sonny Landreth, acoustic newcomer Corey Harris or all-round bluesman Bob Margolin. Instead we were given lounge club blues — *Little Red Rooster*, *I Got My Mojo Working* and *Hoodoo Man* — and the capacity crowd lapped it up.

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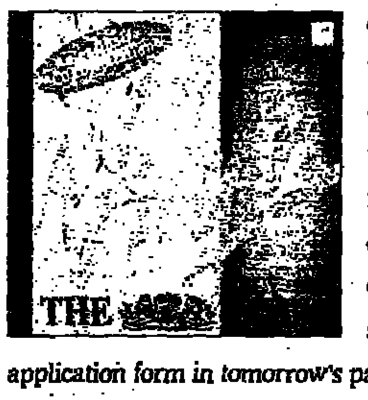

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Most of the audience had come to hear Youssou's pop-oriented hits, such as *Seven Seconds*, but he thrust the spotlight on the slender, dreadlocked figure of Lo. Nobody was disappointed, for what we witnessed was the British debut of a rare talent destined to become one of world music's biggest stars.

N'Dour planned the current tour in the style of an old Motown review, with a dozen musicians, mostly drawn from his Super Etoile band, who wander on and off stage, playing in different combinations. He sang back-up, engaged in some thrilling call and response vocals and danced while Lo captivated us for an hour and a half.

Traditional rhythms combined with swaying Latin moods characterise Lo's music. There is also a strong spiritual quality: he is a follower of the Mourides, a laid-back Islamic sect which appears to have more in common with Rastafarianism than the turbulent mullahs of the Middle East. The result is warm and lyrical, relaxed yet passionate, based on simple lilting rhythms that gradually build into complex and mesmerising patterns.

Only in the final half hour did N'Dour take centre stage. In his early years he would produce two versions of his albums, a full African sound and then a lighter, pop-tinged European cut. Two weeks ago he performed in straight pop vein to an ecstatic but almost totally white crowd in Johannesburg. A far blacker London audience got the authentic African version, a sweaty, downtown Dakar nightclub recreated on a cold and blustery South Bank evening. There was no place for *Seven Seconds*, no pandering to pop sensibilities, just raw Senegalese passion as his voice swooped and soared using the traditional techniques of *tasso* (an early kind of rap) and *bakou* (a trilling chant). It was as fine an evening as London's African music fans have heard all year — and when Lo's final appearance drew the biggest cheer of the night no one was prouder than N'Dour.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

Swede and sour

POP

The Cardigans
Bristol

THEY may be Sweden's most successful pop export since Abba, but the clean-cut quintet known as the Cardigans often seemed to be pulling in different directions at their Bristol University show. While singer Nina Persson's helium voice soared skyward, musical kingpin Peter Svensson indulged his passion for loudly crashing heavy metal guitar, and keyboard player Lars Johansson topped everything off with kitsch easy-listening flourishes.

It's an unlikely but winning formula, especially with Svensson's highly catchy melodies yoking the whole attractive package together. Shamelessly flirting with bossa nova and 1970s disco, these stylish young Swedes deal in a rarified brand of knowing nostalgia far removed from the classic rock pantheon currently being pillaged by Britpop.

At their best, the Cardigans marry the giddy playground rush of superior Europop to sour and highly adult sentiments. This dark undertow was much more apparent during tracks from their recently released third album, *First Band on the Moon*, than on the breezier tunes from its million-selling predecessor, *Life*. Whereas older numbers such as *Carnival* or *Rise and Shine* simply whirled like brightly coloured spinning tops, the more recent songs invariably packed a sting behind their cheery demeanour.

Sometimes the musical arrangements suited Persson's lyrical tone perfectly, as in *Been it* or *Step on Me*, whose themes of emotional slavery and abuse were reinforced by a dissonant and slightly queasy delivery. At other times these two elements were purposely mismatched, with jaunty gallops such as *Never Recover* masking fraught tales of loveless woe. Nina's penchant for concluding each bittersweet narrative with bursts of derisive laughter only added to the jarring, manic depressive effect.

Sadly, this habit also increased the sense of chilly aloofness which the Cardigans often bring to their live shows. Coming across as neither warm nor willing entertainers, they made little effort to involve the audience in their private dramas and only exchanged blandly minimal pleasantries. Most of the group speak perfect English, so the problem is clearly not one of language, but of temperament.

Still, they topped off their set with *Great Divide*, a beautiful elegy to a ruined love affair that showed they are capable of sincere sentiment amid all the arch musical allusions and impenetrable Nordic poise.

STEPHEN DALTON

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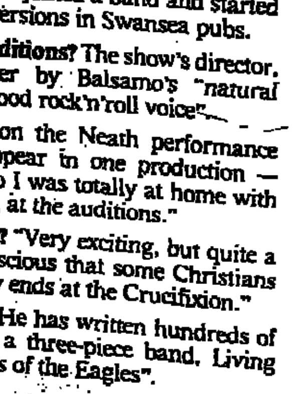

Profession: Singer and actor

Age: 25

Superstar material? Literally. He is playing the title role in the revival of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Lyceum from Tuesday.

Unconventional route to the West End: "After dropping out of an art degree at Swansea Institute, I worked for a piano removal firm and at the Port Talbot steelworks, in between spells on the dole." He then enrolled on a performing arts course at Neath Tertiary College and within a few months had landed a part in a touring production of *Les Misérables*.

When and why did he start singing? "At 18, I had a girlfriend who was obsessed with rock singers, Jon Bon Jovi in particular." In a fit of jealousy, he joined a band and started belting out Alice Cooper cover versions in Swansea pubs.

What set him apart at May's auditions? The show's director, Gale Edwards, was won over by Balsamo's "natural charisma" and "astonishingly good rock'n'roll voice".

Lucky break: He had stayed on the Neath performance course just long enough to appear in one production — playing Christ in *Superstar*. "So I was totally at home with Jesus's main song, *Gethsemene*, at the auditions."

How does it feel to play Christ? "Very exciting, but quite a big responsibility: I'm very conscious that some Christians feel short-changed that the show ends at the Crucifixion."

Other main string to his bow: He has written hundreds of songs and is lead singer with a three-piece band, Living Room. "Think Seal with flavours of the Eagles".

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

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A humble giant, Sonny side up

JAZZ: **Clive Davis** on why Sonny Rollins can't bear to hear his own music

If there is one Sonny Rollins album title that everybody knows, it must be *Saxophone Colossus*, that granite landmark of Fifties jazz. Four decades on, as he opens the door of his apartment, Rollins still cuts an imposing figure: there is a weightlifter's solidity to his frame, and his trim beard, snow-white now, gives him the austere look of a tenor-playing Captain Ahab.

In jazz circles Rollins remains a giant, one of the last active survivors of the generation who drew up the postwar rules. When he arrives at the Barbican for the closing weekend of the Oris London Jazz Festival, his audience can expect another masterclass in the art of extended improvisation.

A face-to-face encounter reveals another, more vulnerable facet of his personality. A quintessential perfectionist, he discusses his own work with a humility rarely encountered in these days of PR bluster and image consultants.

Theodore Walter Rollins knows the measure of his own contribution but still senses a duty to haul himself one step higher. Plenty of musicians, for instance, prefer not to hear their own recordings. Even so, Rollins's sense of distaste for his own albums goes well beyond the norm. Little wonder that he makes his wife and manager, Lucille, do most of the listening for him. "I sometimes have to listen during the editing stage of a recording," he says. "And I think, 'Wow, why did I play that here?', or 'I wish my tone was better there'. It becomes an excruciating experience. And it's a drag, because I think I could be informed by hearing what I have played."

The cover of *Silver City*, the newly released 25-year, two-CD retrospective of his tenure with the Milestone label, symbolises the contrast between his public and private personas. On the front we see his imperial profile engraved on a coin or medallion, a Caesar for the Nineties. On the back of the sleeve, above the list of contents, stands a single, almost plaintive line: "I hope these selections from the body of my recordings meet with the approval of my loyal fans."

The point, as Rollins knows only too well, is that the loyal fans — especially those who have been following him since the early days on Prestige — have been prone to a certain restlessness of late. The 19 tunes on *Silver City*, ranging from the funky exuberance of *G-Man* to the swirling balladry of *I'm Old Fashioned*, maintain an enviable standard. But, taken as a whole, the albums of the past 20 years or so have been a mixed bunch.

> ‘The age I'm at now, I want to play more’

His live appearances have prompted similar misgivings. Catch him on the right evening, and he can deliver two hours of unforgettable, spontaneous music-making. But Rollins is not immune to the laws of gravity, and when his performances do not rise to the occasion, the metronomic drum beat and the self-effacing solos of his sidemen, including his nephew Clifton Anderson on trombone, make an uninspired combination.

One other complaint is that, in common with other players of his stature, he no longer performs in clubs. Concert halls, after all, cannot begin to match the ambience of a room where the players can feed off the energy and enthusiasm of an audience huddled around tables. Rollins understands the logic behind the grievance, but given his dislike of travelling, one-nighters allow him to reach more people.

His links with his native New York and its musical trends have grown more tenuous since the period, nearly 40 years ago, when he could be found practising, night after night, on the Williamsburg Bridge above the East River. Though he keeps his spartan studio apartment in the bustle of the now-fashionable Tribeca district, his home is in tranquil upstate New York, not far from Woodstock.

On average, he ventures out for 40 or 45 concerts a year, a reasonable amount for a man his age. Yet as he nears his eighth decade he finds the urge to perform is growing stronger rather than waning.

"Playing the number of dates I do has been great, because it has allowed me to be really charged up when I do go out. But the age I'm at now, I want to play more. There are so many things I want to do, and I know that I'm not a kid who thinks he's going to be around forever."

There may be a radical new development in his music, too. While *+3*, the album he released earlier this year, marked a welcome return to a more robust trio format (with Tommy Flanagan and the much younger Stephen Scott sharing the piano duties), Rollins talks about edging towards a more "elemental" form.

This, remember, is the musician who has teased all manner of subtleties out of calypso tunes — a reflection of his family's Caribbean roots. His new ideas appear to point in a similar direction: "It's hard to explain what I'm looking for because it hasn't crystallised yet in my mind. But it's about looking backwards to something more primitive . . . more aboriginal. The sound has come to me a couple of times when I've been playing, and I've been working on it ever since."

The concept, however vague, sounds fascinating, I tell him. He gives a self-deprecating grunt. "Yes. But now I've got to go and do it." Sonny Rollins is reaching for the next rung on the ladder.

- *Sonny Rollins appears at the Barbican on Friday at 7.30pm*

ALLAN TITMUSS

Still bestride the world: Sonny Rollins, restless perfectionist, master of improvisation, and one of the last active survivors of the generation who drew up the postwar rules

French for Freddy

THE Paris Opera Ballet has danced a huge range of works, but its current performances of *Rhapsody* represent its first experience of Frederick Ashton. It comes as quite a shock to see France's dance heroes in such an alien style and it must have been an even greater shock to the heroes themselves. Never before had they been clothed in such a profusion of filigree movement and intricate spatial patterning.

Rhapsody is warm work, not only in the central role, created in 1980 around Mikhail Baryshnikov's divine prowess, but also in the other roles, positioned to refract that virtuosity. The French male corps de ballet show a wonderful togetherness, clean shaping and forthright dynamic that keeps them right on top of Rachmaninov's headlong rhythms (played with verve under Alexander Polianichko).

Arbo and Legris in *Rhapsody*

Paris Opera Ballet
Palais Garnier

Manuel Legris has the stylish strength and puff for the glittering cascade of killer steps and fearsome on-the-spot jetés. He is the best since Baryshnikov: better able to stay above water than any of the Royal Ballet men. He also possesses an intelligence that draws out the mysterious romance with the ballerina.

Ashton's famed exhortation, "bend, bend", needed repeating to the French women, to loosen their torsos for those delicately adjusted angles of the shoulders which give each movement its final touch of colour. Even Delphine Moussin, more alluringly resonant as the ballerina than Carole Arbo at the other performance I saw, lacked this fluency and the gentle deftness of footwork Ashton requires.

The programme opened with the *Défilé*, the sumptuous display of the company's hierarchy, and Serge Lifar's neoclassical *Suite en blanc*, both part of the Paris tradition. Agnes de Mille's *Fall River Legend*, however, was another company premiere. Beautifully performed by the whole cast, it became outstanding with Elisabeth Maurin as the darkly troubled anti-heroine. She moulded each gesture with such telling directness and tensed every fibre of her being into a psychological portrait of such multilayered truth that the auditorium seemed to disappear and we felt ourselves sucked into the drama.

NADINE MEISNER

CONCERTS: The SCO lets rip in Edinburgh; the BBC Symphony Orchestra excels in Mahler

The big boss sound

JOSEPH SWENSEN, the recently appointed principal conductor of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, is no ordinary musician. Anyone else would have got to work first of all on developing refinement and precision in the string section. But, accomplished violinist though he is, that is clearly not his priority. He is interested more in creating a dynamic ensemble, in encouraging a big sound with a wide range of colour and the capacity to accommodate his extraordinary interpretative vigour.

Conducting Haydn's Symphony No 83 in G minor in the lively acoustic of the Queen's Hall in Edinburgh, he made something like the effect the work must have had on its first performance in Paris more than 200 years ago, when it was still one of the most imposing and most extravagantly coloured orchestral scores ever heard.

From the aggressive opening bars onwards there was no relaxation of the pressure. Having got the bit between his teeth, Swensen was not going to let it go until it had been thoroughly shaken by hard-driven rhythms, subjected to extremes of dynamic contrast in the Andante, toyed with in a teasingly slow trio section in the third movement, and pushed along at such a pace in the finale that it might easily have stumbled and collapsed. It is an indication of the skill of the SCO that, while giving its all in sound and energy, it scarcely faltered in ensemble.

Although he is an American citizen, Swensen is Nordic by inclination. He lives in Copenhagen, is chief guest conductor of both the Stockholm Chamber and the Lahti Symphony Orchestras, and has obvious affinities with the Scandinavian repertoire. In this concert he not only gave an affectionate account of Sibelius's naively exotic incidental music for Procope's *Belshazzar's Feast* in 1905 but also conducted the first British performance of a long-lost piece for strings written by the same composer two years later.

The Countess's Portrait proved to be a beautifully written little elegy unmistakably by Sibelius in spite of its kinship with Grieg and its minimal structural ambition. It is so short, in fact, that a second hearing would have been both welcome and instructive: a concert lasting barely 90 minutes and thin in substance — even though it did include an appealing performance of Haydn's Sinfonia Concertante in B flat as a centrepiece — had more than enough room for it.

GERALD LARNER

Noble despair

MAHLER may have suppressed the title "Tragic" from his Sixth Symphony, but there is no work of his to which it is more suited. It is the only one of his symphonies to end in the minor, and in bleak despair. The three hammer blows of the finale seem to foretell the three blows of fate that struck the composer at this time: his enforced resignation from the Vienna Opera, the death of his four-year-old daughter, and the diagnosis of his own fatal heart disease.

One might expect a faithful performance of the symphony to be a depressing affair. But as Jiří Bělohlávek's account with the BBC Symphony Orchestra at the Festival Hall showed, the experience can be exhilarating and, paradoxically, uplifting too.

The grim tread of the opening funeral march gave little quarter, but there was great aesthetic pleasure to be had from the masterly unfolding of the symphonic structure and the skilful blending of instrumental lines. This was a meticulously prepared performance in which winds and brass breathed as one.

Nor was there much let-up in the Scherzo, which Bělohlávek placed second, thus immediately re-engaging in the life-and-death struggle. The Andante brought soothing relief. With the finale came the descent into the abyss. Yet here Bělohlávek recalled so poignantly life's past joys that one could not be other than uplifted.

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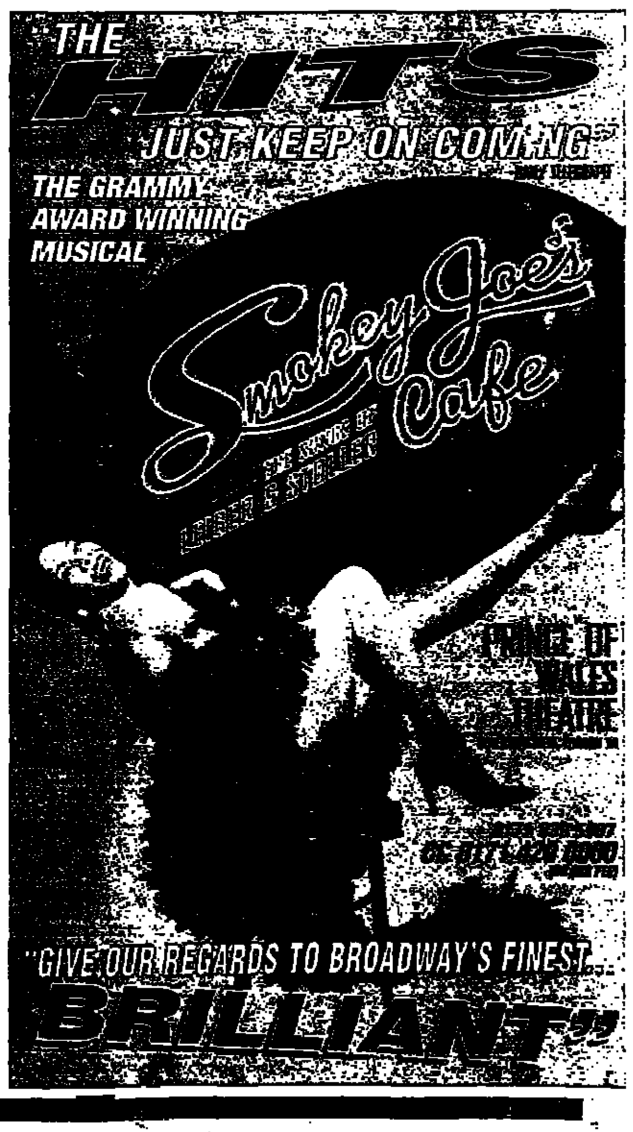
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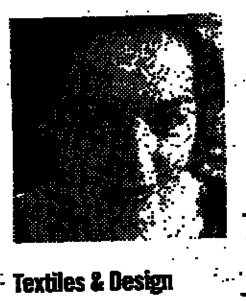

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Headley likely to be rested by England

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN MOUNT GAMBIER AUSTRALIA

DEAN HEADLEY, looking every inch the international-class strike bowler needed by England, is likely to be rewarded for his match-winning performance for the A team against South Australia by being rested for the four-day match against a much-heralded Academy XI here later this week.

Having earned immediate respect from Australian media and cricketers alike by their 12-run victory over the Sheffield Shield holders in Adelaide on Monday, England are expected to rest their leading bowler against an Academy side regarded as "weak" by Rodney Marsh, the coach.

It is no reflection on Headley's ability, more a concern about overworking a player who is almost certain to be called up during the Ashes series next summer should he continue to impress.

Headley, the Kent fast bowler, achieved a career-best match return of 11 for 98 in Adelaide — the fifth time in as many first-class matches for England A that he has captured at least five wickets in an innings — but suffered a hip injury on his return from the A tour to Pakistan last year and missed the early part of the summer.

The setback probably cost him a Test debut and mirrored a similar set of circumstances which befell Glen Chapple on his return from an impressive tour of India with the A team two years ago.

Headley is unlikely to agree with the management's concern over his welfare. A desire to succeed has been instilled upon him since he became a professional.

Although Headley does not have a classical action, his work with Darryl Foster, the Kent coach, has helped him to produce impressive results, with 45 wickets at 27.44 in his ten championship matches last season.

His father, Ron, and grandfather, George, played for West Indies.

Leading lights, from Bradman to Border

John Woodcock concludes the series with an assessment of cricketers who are ahead of the field

THE GREAT CAPTAINS

Of the 108 cricketers I have watched captaining their countries at Test level, from G. O. Allen and the Maharaj Kumar of Vizianagram at Lord's in 1936 to Michael Atherton and Wasim Akram at the Oval in 1996, very few have had the vision or the instinct or the standing, or some permutation of the three, to make a side more than the sum of its parts. And behind even the best have stood the bowlers to bring results.

Some of the game's most successful captains have needed to be little more than functionaries. Given the attack that was at the disposal first of Clive Lloyd and then of Vivian Richards, a duffer could have led West Indies to a succession of overwhelming victories in the 1980s, provided he was not allergic to the sight of blood. As captain of West Indies in Australia in 1975-76, before the Caribbean had been scoured for fast bowlers, and of Lancashire from 1981 to 1983, Lloyd was ineffectual. It was with a bat in his hand and as a catalyst, rather than as a tactician, that he excelled.

Sir Garfield Sobers, the most versatile cricketer the world has seen, won only two of his last 27 matches as captain of West Indies, such was his concern for the winner of the 2.30 at Ascot or the reason for his slice off the tee at Sandy Lane. Denis Compton, another wonderful cricketer, also lacked the bent to make a captain. Many of the best players do, and always have.

PATRICK EAGAR

Brearley, one of the best England captains, leaves the field after the extraordinary Headingley Test of 1981

On the other hand, Sir Donald Bradman, Sir Leonard Hutton, Sir Frank Worrell, Richie Benaud, Raymond Illingworth and Mike Brearley all have the reputation for not missing a trick. The odd man out among this sextet is Brearley, because he was nothing like as good a cricketer as the others. In 66 Test innings, most of them batting high in the order, he never made a hundred. It was said of him, though, that he had a degree in people (as well as a first at Cambridge), and the way in which he turned round England's fortunes against Australia in 1981, when he came back and took over the reins from a hopelessly overburdened Ian Botham, has no parallel. The pity is that he never pitted his wits against West Indies, either at home or away.

Bradman, of course, started with the enormous advantage of being as likely as not to win every match off his own bat. In O'Reilly and Grimmett, and then Lindwall and Miller, he also had in his side the great match-winning bowlers of their day. Hutton and Illingworth were calculating Yorkshiremen who specialised in giving nothing away, which is a skill in itself, albeit a somewhat oppressive one. Benaud was rather the same — an expert in psychological warfare with an immensely shrewd cricket brain. As the first regular black captain of West Indies, Worrell was a Messiah in flannels, but he, too, had a rare understanding of the game. To play under any of them must have been a revelation.

Worrell was a messianic figure, Imran a unifying force, Chappell a legendary hard man

In quite a different category comes Ian Chappell, a captain whose players swore by him. Whether his methods would have worked with everyone I am not so sure: let's just say he had no time for frills, and none for ambivalence. He was hard, straight and resolutely irreverent. He led not so much a team as a gang and, having inherited an Australia side that was about to lose the Ashes, he went on to win them back, forging in the process the redoubtable partnership of Lillee and Thomson.

For leading Pakistan, despite their self-destructive ways, to the World Cup in 1992, Imran Khan deserves a special mention. He did it with an hauteur which Douglas Jardine, another Oxford man, might have recognised. The two Nawabs of Pataudi and Hafeez Kardar, and Ted Dexter for that matter, had something of the same aura.

'Behind even the best have stood the bowlers to bring results'

But what about Allan Border, who had never seemed born to take charge nor been eager to do so, and yet resented being relieved of the captaincy of Australia after doing it for nine years and an incredible 93 times? How did he manage this when the rigours of the job and the glare of the media take such a heavy toll?

To start with he had great physical courage, a characteristic of many a small batsman, and he was a very, very good player. To add to that, he became a symbol of defiance; and when his enthusiasm for the fray might have started to wane, along came Shane Warne, the answer to every captain's prayer. There lies the crux. In the overwhelming majority of cases a captain is as good as his side, especially his bowlers.

John Warr said of playing for Middlesex under R. W. V. Robins that at the end of an unrewarding day in the field you always had the consolation of knowing that everything had been tried to bring down the opposition — short of sledging, that is. That, to me, is much nearer the true art of captaincy than the prosecution of blanket attrition or wanton intimidation, however successful these may be.

Donald on bonus to reach three figures

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WARWICKSHIRE have offered Allan Donald a substantial cash prize as an encouragement for him to try to reach 100 wickets next season. "We have built incentives into his contract which cut in at 70 wickets," Dennis Amiss, the county's chief executive, said yesterday.

The South African fast bowler, who is returning as the county's overseas player in succession to Shaun Pollock, took 89 first-class wickets for the county in 1995 despite missing three games through injury.

Yesterday, Donald teamed up with Lance Klusener to demolish Karnataka, the Ranji Trophy champions, for the second time as the South Africans won the three-day match in Cochin by 244 runs. Karnataka, set 362, were bundled out for 117 in 205 minutes. Donald's return of three for 29 gave him seven wickets in the match, one less than Klusener.

Saeed Anwar scored his second unbeaten century in the Singer Champions' Trophy in Sharjah as Pakistan swept aside Sri Lanka by eight wickets to book a place in the final of the three-nation competition.

Anwar, who struck 112 from 125 balls, and his fellow left-handed opener, Aamir Sohail, who scored 65 from 126 balls, put on 171 for the first wicket in 39.1 overs as Pakistan made light work of scoring the 190 needed to overhaul the holders of the World Cup.

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RUGBY UNION

Wood charges into contention for immediate recall

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FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN DUBLIN

FOUR hours before Ireland's first international of the season, Keith Wood reminded the selectors that his form for Harlequins this season has been no flash in the pan. The hooker led Ireland to victory in the A international against South Africa at Donnybrook to boost his claim to a place in the senior XV against Australia on November 23.

A season recovering from injury has clearly left Wood champing at the bit: he resembles a man who perceives a place in South Africa with the British Isles next summer to be his by right.

One magnificent thrusting run immediately after the interval should have laid on a try for Niall Woods, but so great was the hooker's pace that McCall, a centre, was unable to take and give the scoring pass. Wood pulled so many defenders to him that he should have created more space for his backs but, in a shapeless second half, Ireland almost allowed the game to drift away from them.

This has not been an easy tour for the South Africans. After comparatively comfortable wins over Cambridge University and Bedford, they lost to Scotland A at Hawick last Friday and could not pluck this brand from the fire after conceding a 28-10 lead.

They relied heavily on a composed performance at stand-off half by Louis Koen, 21, who has taken over from Joel Stransky, South Africa's World Cup hero, in the Western Province side. But they could not overcome their tendency to lose possession and only late in the game did they achieve parity at the lineout.

Their potential is self-evident — they scored a wonderful first-half try from deep in their own 22, Erasmus surging from a scrum and du Toit making the vital run before Linee came through and Koen finished. But their play lacks consistency and discipline.

Elwood, one of seven full internationals in the Ireland team, opened their account with his first penalty before O'Shea — one of five English-based players — scored the first of his two tries. It remains to be seen whether the Irish Rugby Football Union's plan to spend £3 million next season on contracts for around 100 players in an effort to keep them based at home will bear fruit or whether they must hope that emerging players such as Brian O'Meara, 20, the scrum half, will repay them. O'Meara, from Cork, is one of four talented youngsters outside the national squad to have been offered a contract by the union.

With the wind at their backs the Irish pressed constantly and, when the hard-working Miller crossed after a tapped penalty, they turned round leading 21-10. Miller, the Leicester flanker, also provided the delightful long pass that allowed Walsh to scamper clear and send in O'Shea, but then the South Africans gained the initiative.

Scholtz, who probably rates as third-choice scrum half for Western Province, completed the surging drives of Coetzee and Krige and, when Linee picked up a poor pass from Elwood, du Toit was able to run clear from 60 metres. But their frantic efforts to score once more foundered on a stern referee and an even sterner Irish defence.

SCORERS: Ireland A: Tries: O'Shea (2), Miller. Conversions: Elwood (2). Penalty goals: Elwood (3). South Africa A: Tries: Koen, Scholtz, du Toit. Conversions: Koen (2). Penalty goals: Koen (2).

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Connacht prepare warm welcome

FROM KARL JOHNSTON IN DUBLIN

CONNACHT gave a good account of themselves when the Australians last visited Galway just over four years ago. In appalling weather conditions, they held the touring side to just one try and a 14-6 margin of defeat.

So well were they doing, in fact, that a local reporter was moved to remark aloud, when Anthony Herbert had to be replaced after 35 minutes: "The Aussies are worried, they're bringing on the great David Campese."

Campese, who appeared a reluctant replacement that day, will be back in action at the Sports Ground this afternoon, no doubt hoping for better weather than the icy Atlantic deluge that he experienced the last time around. The only other survivor from that 1992 Australian side is Richard Tombs, in the centre, while, of the Connacht team, only Eric Elwood, at stand-off half, and Billy Mulcahy, the hooker, play again.

Connacht have not had a bad season under the guidance of Warren Gatland, their coach and a former New Zealand prop forward. Despite having to rely on players not snapped up by the other provinces, they have won a couple of warm-up matches, defeated Leinster and should have beaten Ulster in the Guinness inter-provincial championship. They also won their European Conference games against Padova and Orrell.

Today, the team features five "home-grown" players, including Elwood, who played for Galwegians before switching to Lansdowne, in Dublin. This is an unusually high number and should help to boost team spirit.

Elwood's only fellow international in the team is Nicky Barry, the centre capped as a replacement against Namibia in 1991 and a player who never fulfilled his great promise as a richly-talented schoolboy. Elwood will obviously be a key figure, but the strain of playing two matches in as many days could take its toll.

Shane Leahy and Graham Heaslip, in the second row, and Barry Gavin, at No 8, could enhance their growing reputations this afternoon. Of course, the Australians will still be firm favourites, but Campese and Tombs will not have forgotten the western fire and fervour that they experienced four years ago.

CONNACHT: B Carey (Blackrock College); M Kearin (Lansdowne), A Redden (Lansdowne), N Barry (Clontarf), N Carolan (Corinthians); E Elwood (Lansdowne), C McGuinness (St Mary's College); J Maher (Bective Rangers), B Mulcahy (Skerries), M Finlay (Wanderers), N Taylor (Galwegians), S Leahy (Lansdowne), G Heaslip (Galwegians), R Rogers (Blackrock College, captain), B Gavin (Galwegians)

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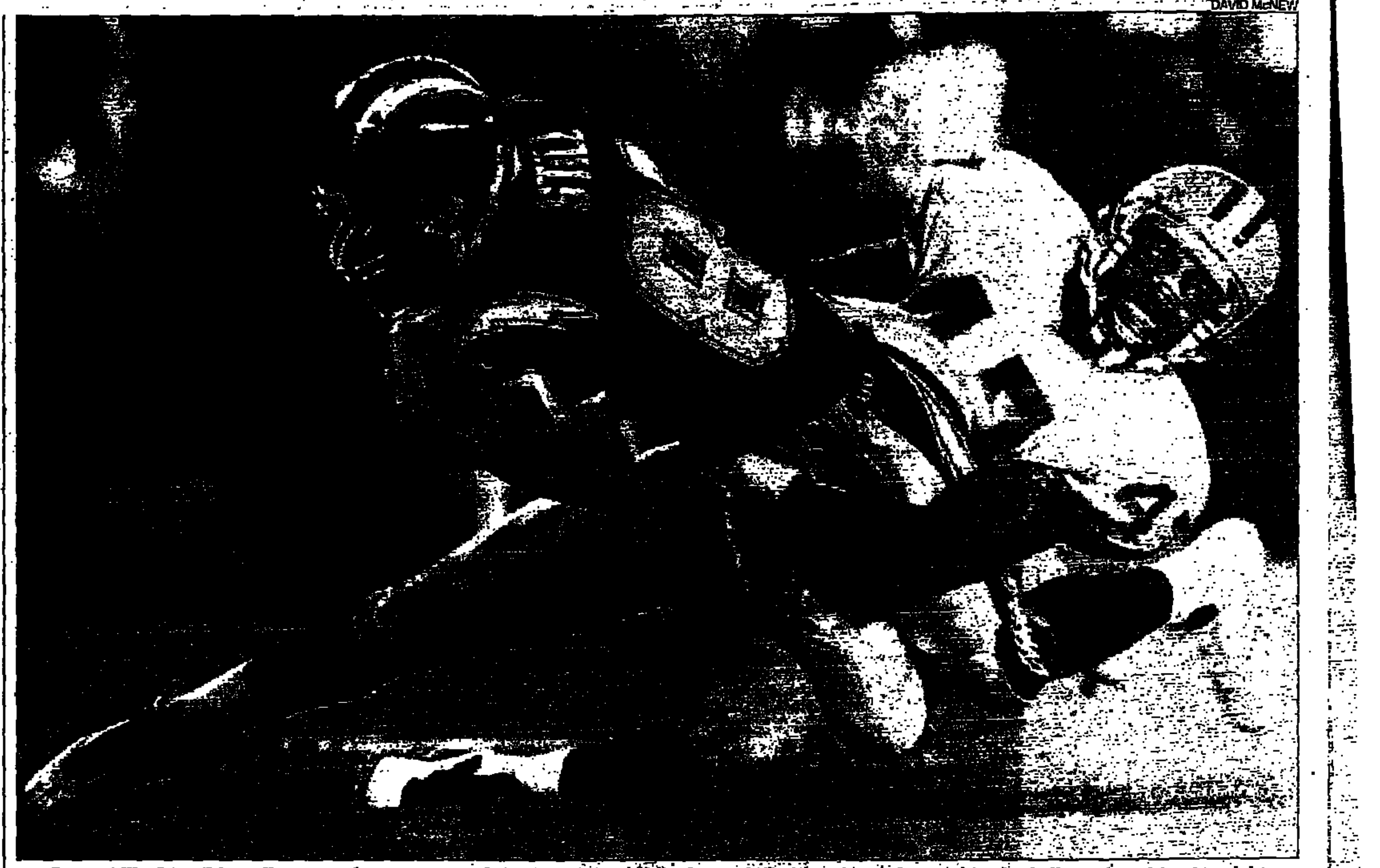
DAVID McNEW

Bryan Still, of San Diego Chargers, who won 27-21, is felled by Ryan McNeil, of Detroit Lions, during their American football match on Monday night

Giants of rugby enjoy their day in the sun

Adrian Drummond reports from Bermuda on leading names from past and present appearing in the World Classic

As the "flight delayed" message flashed up on the screens in the departure lounge at Gatwick airport, the volume level in the packed bar rose a notch or so. The casual passer-by will have taken in a group of, mostly, very large men enjoying a convivial get-together. One or two observers might have picked out the commanding presence of Willie-John McBride, proud owner of 63 rugby union caps for Ireland and veteran of five British Isles tours.

Two hours later the volume indicator had progressed all the way around the dial. It was thoughtful of the airline to organise this little interlude so that the gathering could be celebrated in a manner befitting the best traditions of rugby union. McBride's Celtic Barbarians — a collection of former Wales, Scotland and Ireland internationals — were on their way to the World Rugby Classic.

The tournament has been staged each year since 1988 on the small sub-tropical playground of Bermuda, a lush island formed by the summit of a sub-marine mountain rising 15,000ft from the Atlantic sea bed and cradled in the warming currents of the Gulf Stream. At this time of year temperatures remain comfortably in the 70s.

"Aye, it can be a real chore coming here to play rugby," Mike Harrison, captain of the England side cobbled together for the Classic, said with mock sincerity.

Harrison, an unassuming, unhurried Yorkshireman, turns into a man in a big hurry when he has a rugby ball in his hand, flying down the wing even at the grand old age of 40. He played 15 times for England, scoring twice from interceptions in two matches against New Zealand in 1985 to earn himself the nickname "The Burglar" — a sobriquet which has stuck, much to the amusement of his colleagues at the NatWest bank.

Harrison's mild manner masks an uncompromising attitude to his sport that goes hand in hand with success at the highest level. "A lot of the attraction of this tournament is to be able to compete against players of my own era but at an older level," he said. "The rugby is still very intense, though. You'll never find a New Zealander or South African who plays just for fun."

Nor, it seems, a Canadian. Canada put up a team that was fit, well-drilled and totally committed against Harrison's side and won handsomely, 33-5. England lacked nothing in desire but were relying on a handful of senior figures, players such as Bob Hesford and Mike Rafter, both well into the twilight of their playing days, and others whose careers have been spent on the fringes of the international scene.

There was no lack of interest on the part of the 50 or so players approached by the England camp to participate, but many of them, now seeing out their days on paid contracts as players or coaches in junior rugby, discovered that their new paymasters were reluctant to release them with league commitments either side of the tournament.

Harrison believes the solution may be to stage the event at a time when there are no such games, but with the international rugby calendar becoming increasingly cluttered, this might be easier said than done. John Kane, the Bermuda businessman who started the Classic nine years ago with two fellow rugby fanatics, takes a different view.

"Everybody is so badly prepared for this professional rugby. It's an unholy mess," he said. "There are guys who are under contract now who won't be next year because their clubs will be bankrupt." Kane started the Classic "to give former internationals who we had got to know well enough to call friends somewhere to go when, all of a sudden, what they had striven so hard for was no more".

One doubts, however, whether this [illegible] will continue to produce such players for much longer. Harrison went on to captain England in the World Cup in Australia in 1987 and though fewer than ten years have passed since, his tenure was in stark contrast to the publicity attendant on Phil de Glanville's appointment to the job a short while ago.

Yet Harrison insists he never sought the limelight and, even now, does not seek the financial rewards the game still has to offer. He is one of the Yorkshire representatives on the Rugby Football Union, is a Yorkshire selector and involved in divisional rugby with the North.

Though he no longer plays first-team rugby for his club, Wakefield, who are holding their own against the monied outfits in the Courage league second division, he performs the unpaid role of team manager "which allows me the time to play", and the freedom to take a holiday when he wants.

Not for him the elixir of fame or the riches that drive on the Nastases and Trevinos of the senior tennis and golf circuits. So what is it that brings veterans here from the far corners of New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina to put their battered bodies on the line one more time?

For the moment, until the tentacles of professionalism stretch across the Atlantic, one suspects that the answer is to be found in the Touchline Tavern after the games, with the volume *really* cranked up.

Bath aim to shrug off fitful form

JOHN HALL, the Bath director of rugby, describes the Heineken Cup quarter-final against Cardiff on Saturday as "the biggest match in our history". A capacity crowd of 12,000 is expected at the Arms Park, despite live television coverage on BBC Wales. The sides boast 23 leading domestic titles between them since 1981 and more than 20 full international players could take the field.

Hall said yesterday that Bath intended to put their patchy Courage Clubs Championship form behind them and keep alive their European dream. "We've already lost in this tournament at Pontypridd, and I expect Cardiff to be a better side than they were," he said.

Around 200,000 spectators watched 40 pool matches in six different countries. The tournament director, Roger Pickering, said: "We were a bit apprehensive about the pool stages and have been pleasantly surprised by the crowds for those games."

Cardiff expect their injured internationals, Jonathan Davies, Derwyn Jones and Emyr Lewis, to return, although they all face fitness tests later this week. Jason Robinson, Andy Nicol, Victor Ubogu and Nathan Thomas are expected to return for Bath.

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FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): San Diego 27 Detroit 21

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Denver 104 Toronto 93; Chicago 97 Phoenix 79; Seattle 110 Sacramento 94. Postponed: Utah v San Antonio

CRICKET

Singer Champions' Trophy

Sri Lanka v Pakistan

SHARJAH (Sri Lanka won toss): Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets

SRI LANKA

S T Jayasuriya c Moin b Waqar Younis	1
†R S Kaluwitharana run out	12
M S Atapattu run out	58
P A de Silva lbw b Wasim	0
H P Tillekeratne c Moin b Mushtaq	34
*A Ranatunga c Wasim b Waqar	27
W P U J C Vaas c Afridi b Salim	0
R S Mahanama not out	31
U U Chandana c Moin b Saqlain	0
S C de Silva c Aamir b Waqar	3
M Muralitharan c Wasim b Saqlain	1
Extras (lb 10, w 11, nb 1)	22
Total (50 overs)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-29, 3-30, 4-105, 5-122, 6-133, 7-166, 8-166, 9-182

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 7-1-31-1; Waqar Younis 10-0-28-3; Saqlain Mushtaq 10-1-36-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 10-0-39-1; Shahid Afridi 9-0-34-0; Salim Malik 4-0-11-1

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar not out	112
Aamir Sohail c S C de Silva b Jayasuriya	65
Hassan Raza c Chandana b Muralitharan	5
†Moin Khan not out	4
Extras (w 4, nb 3)	7
Total (2 wkts, 48.4 overs)	193

Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Shahid Afridi, *Wasim Akram, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis and Mushtaq Ahmed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-173, 2-188.

BOWLING: Vaas 8-1-23-0; S C de Silva 10-0-36-0; Muralitharan 8.4-0-57-1; P A de Silva 6-0-18-0; Jayasuriya 9-1-35-1; Chandana 5-0-24-0

Man of the match: Saeed Anwar

Umpires: S K Bansal (India) and G Sharp (Eng)

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TOUR MATCHES: Alice Springs, Australia (one day): West Indians 218-8 (J C Adams 67, C O Browne 50; M Hatton 3-24); Northern Territory Invitation XI 170 (A C Gilchrist 64 not out; K C G Benjamin 3-25). Cochin, India (final day of three): South Africans 243 (R Ananth 4-72) and 233 (A Kaif 67-4); Karnataka 115 (L Klusener 5-38, A A Donald 4-39) and 117 (Klusener 3-32, A A Donald 3-29)

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Motherwell 0 Heart of Midlothian 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	11	8	2	1	29	10	26
Rangers	11	8	2	1	27	9	26
Aberdeen	11	5	3	3	21	11	18
Hearts	12	5	3	4	16	17	18
Hibernian	11	4	2	5	11	20	14
Dunfermline	11	3	4	4	14	22	13
Dundee Utd	11	3	3	5	10	11	12
Kilmarnock	11	3	2	6	15	22	11
Motherwell	12	2	5	5	11	18	11
Raith	11	1	2	8	10	24	5

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 1 Boston 1. Unifilla Cup: Second-round replay: Ashton 3 Leigh 3.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet 3 Bishop's Stortford 0. First division: Molesey 1 Billericay 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 3 Bournemouth 4; Queens Park Rangers 1 Ipswich 1; Swindon 2 Crystal Palace 0; Tottenham 5 Oxford 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackburn 1 Bolton 0; Stoke 3 Tranmere 1. First division: Leicester 2 Notts County 2.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton 9 Bideford 0

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Rushden and Diamonds 6 Hillingdon 1; Wokingham 1 Swansea 4

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Valladolid 1 Sporting Gijón 0

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Deportivo Español 0 Banfield 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Worcestershire 2 Staffordshire 2. English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: Mid Wilts 1 North Devon 2. Midlands Federation Cup: Under-15: West Midlands 5 Shropshire 1.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Kettering 0 Canson Ramblers 3; North Staffs 1 Pickwick 1

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Buffalo 3 Florida 2 (OT); Montreal 3 Edmonton 2 (OT); Colorado 6 New York Islanders 2; Vancouver 3 New York Rangers 2; Dallas 3 Anaheim 2

REAL TENNIS

BATHURST CUP (Leamington TC): Australia lead France 2-0 (Australia names first): M Happell bt D Grozdanovitch 6-2, 6-2, 6-0; W Spring bt Y Mazap 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Great Britain lead United States 2-0 (GB names first): M Howard bt B Hall 6-0, 6-0, 6-2; J Snow bt R McLane 6-0, 6-2, 6-4

HAMPTON COURT: British Open qualifying tournament: Final round: M Eaton bt K Ludickens 6-5, 6-5; M Coghlan bt A Oliver 5-6, 6-0, 6-3; P Dery bt J Wilcocks 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; P Jarvis by R Kranaric 6-1, 6-0.

☐ Winners qualify for British Open

RUGBY UNION

A International

Ireland 28 South Africa 25

Ireland: Tries: C O'Shea 2, Miller. Cons: Elwood 2. Pens: Elwood 3. South Africa: Tries: Du Toit, Koen, Scholtz. Cons: Koen 2. Pens: Koen 2.

(at Donnybrook)

BERMUDA: World Rugby Classic: First round: Celtic Barbarians 34 Bermuda France Select XV 17; South Africa 79 United States 19

SCHOOLS MATCHES: St Albans 16 Haberdashers' Aske's 11; Durham 43 Ampleforth 10

SQUASH

SUPER LEAGUE CUP: First round: Philips Windows Chichester 0 ICL Lamberts 3 (Chichester names first): N Dugan lost to M Chaloner 10-8, 9-7, 9-7; P Genever lost to B Cains 9-3, 9-2, 9-5; L Drew lost to J Wellings 9-10, 9-7, 9-5, 10-9). Surbiton 1 Broxbourne 2 (Surbiton names first: S Parke lost to R Durbach 9-7, 9-7, 6-9, 6-9, 9-7; T Hands bt S Cowie 6-9, 9-9, 9-7, 6-9, 4-9; N Frankland lost to P Gunter 9-7, 8-9, 9-7, 9-5). Irwin Mitchell Hallamshire 1 Manchester Northern 2 (Hallamshire names first: P Lord lost to N Taylor 9-7, 9-5, 7-9, 9-6; N Matthew lost to G Thwaite 9-2, 7-9, 9-2, 9-6; R Wall bt Y Abbas 9-5, 7-9, 7-9, 3-9). Dunraven Windows Maesteg 2 Sigma Strings Swansea 1 (Maesteg names first: P Gregory lost to D Evans 9-6, 9-3, 9-2; M Cairns bt J Dark 9-4, 9-4, 9-0; C Van der Walt bt M Benjamin 7-9, 6-9, 9-4, 9-2, 9-6).

TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: Women's tournament: First round: B Paulus (Austria) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-1, 6-2; A Frazier (US) bt K Habsudova (Slovakia) 7-6, 6-4; M Shaughnessy (US) bt L Porun (US) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; M Werdel Witmeyer (US) bt R Zrubakova (Slovakia) 6-0, 6-4

TELFORD: Guardian Direct national championships: Men: Singles: First round: N Gould (Avon) bt J Barnett (North of Scotland) 6-1, 6-4; C Wilkinson (Hampshire and IoW) bt D Sanders (Somerset) 6-2, 6-2; N Bayin (Cheshire) bt P Hand (Berkshire) 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; C Beecher (Kent) bt C Bennett (Hampshire and IoW) 6-4, 6-4; J Bates (Surrey) bt D Draper (Northamptonshire) 6-4, 6-4; T Henman (Oxfordshire) bt G Saffery (Berkshire) 6-4, 6-2. Women: Singles: Qualifying round: A Tordoff (Yorks) bt K Thomas (South Wales) 6-2, 6-4; N Woodhouse (Norfolk) bt V Hall (Nottinghamshire) 6-7, 7-6, 6-1; L Perkins (Devon and Cornwall) bt H Fair (Surrey) 6-3, 6-3; T Catlow (Middlesex) bt C Seal (Leicestershire) 6-3, 6-1; E Langley (Shropshire) bt H Collin (Surrey) 6-2, 6-4; F Hearn (Middlesex) bt K Elliott (Hertfordshire) 1-6, 6-4, 6-4; L Herbert (Hertfordshire) bt N Payne (Scotland) 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; C Coombs (Kent) bt L Ogan (Warwickshire) 6-2, 6-2. First round: S Smith (Essex) bt Tordoff 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; L Jeffs (Oxfordshire) bt J Dawson (Sussex) 6-2, 6-2; L Latimer (Warwickshire) bt V Davies (South Wales) 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; J Ward (Durham and Cleveland) bt K Warne-Holland (Cheshire) 6-4, 7-6; J Choudhury (Cambridgeshire) bt M Wainwright (Essex) 6-4, 6-1; K Roubanova (Berkshire) bt Coombs 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; M Miller (Yorkshire) bt H Crook (Essex) 6-3, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL

TOKYO: Women's world super challenge: Brazil 3 Cuba 0; China 3 South Korea 0; Japan 3 Thailand 0.

CYCLING

Cookson team sets inquiry in motion

BY PETER BRYAN

THE British Cycling Federation (BCF) started its journey on a long road back to efficiency and financial strength at the weekend, after a year of unrest culminating in members successfully demanding the resignation of its eight directors nine days ago.

The 11-strong emergency committee, which includes four former directors, is charged with a thorough review of BCF activities. Brian Cookson, one of the sport's senior international judges, was elected chairman, and the committee will operate under the new title of management committee.

Cookson said: "We are a new team but one that has a lot of talent among its members. Our first meeting showed that everyone has quickly got a grip of the problems that need immediate attention."

This week, members of the committee will meet Derek Casey, chief executive of the Sports Council, who pulled no punches after a recent internal audit made at the request of the BCF.

In his report to the BCF at the end of October, Casey warned: "… the Sports Council has the responsibility to see that public funds are expended properly, with transparent integrity. Therefore, further support must be conditional and significant steps taken to address the problems identified."

Cookson's team will seek to convince the Sports Council this week not to withdraw its annual grant, which is in the region of £400,000 for 1997.

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FOOTBALL: FORMER NOTTINGHAM FOREST DEFENDER TAKES TENTATIVE STEPS ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Wilson battles through pain barrier

Richard Hobson meets a player bearing the physical and mental scars of a harrowing football odyssey

ANDRE CAMARA

Wilson, apparently unimpeded by the ravages of surgery on his left leg, shows his familiar composure on the ball against Dover Athletic

More than three years have passed since Terry Wilson took the decision to retire at the age of 24, injury apparently ending a career of highs and lows that had seen him collect three cup winners' medals at Wembley with Nottingham Forest and represent Scotland at every level below the senior side.

More had happened to Wilson since making his debut as an 18-year-old than to most players throughout far longer careers. Reverting from midfield to defence, he shone in the 1989 Littlewoods Cup final against Luton Town and played alongside Neil Webb, Des Walker, Stuart Pearce and Nigel Clough in a side that finished third in successive seasons in the former first division. He also underwent nine operations in four years and came close to losing his left leg when it became infected.

FA CUP

Equally, hope and despair are woven through the story of his return. It is a tale of determination finally overcoming depression, a footballing testament to the marvels of modern medical science — and it just might have a happy ending.

On Saturday, he made his tenth appearance for Rushden and Diamonds in their 1-1 draw against Dover Athletic in the Vauxhall Conference. More than once, an opponent seemed to stare at Wilson's left leg. Crossed by scars, it appears that a shark has taken a bite just above the knee. "It looks horrible," Wilson said before breaking into a relieved grin, "but it works."

In three days' time he will switch his attention to the first round of the FA Cup, with Rushden drawn away to Boreham Wood, from the Icis League premier division. It is not exactly the tie of the round, and is far removed from the semi-finals of 1988 and 1989, when Wilson appeared against Liverpool at Hillsborough, the second meeting forever associated with the deaths of 96 spectators. Doubts over his fitness had emerged by the time Forest reached the 1991 final, against Tottenham Hotspur, which he missed because of problems with both Achilles tendons.

The injury that brought about his retirement occurred against Arsenal, when he accidentally kicked the sole of David Hillier's boot when trying to clear a high ball. The knee shot back, tearing anterior cruciate and lateral ligaments. When the area became infected, he required two more operations and, as the months passed, reality dawned.

"I took the decision to retire and hoped that I would be looked after by Forest," Wilson said. "I thought I would be able to live without football but increasingly I realised how much I missed it. I became more and more depressed because it seems that football had been taken away from me by a freak accident." His mood changed when he received a telephone call from his surgeon shortly before Christmas in 1994.

A suitable piece of Achilles tendon had become available from a donor and he underwent an operation similar to the one that saved the career of John Salako, the Coventry City winger. He built up fitness during six-hour gym sessions, before starting training with Rotherham United, then managed by Archie Gemmill, who was the reserve-team manager at Forest in Wilson's heyday, and playing in the Norwegian second division from March until July this year. When he retired, Forest collected an insurance payout and the brokers have told him that they want £170,000 returned before he can play professionally in England again.

Wilson believes that is a prohibitive sum for many of the 92 league clubs. However, he has turned down the chance to play in the Bell's Scottish League premier division and believes that word will get around that he is value for that money if he plays well and stays fit with Rushden.

"If you are with the lads every day, laughing and joking and being successful, you never realise that your career could finish at any time," he said. "I appreciate football far more now, for having been out for so long and worked so hard to get back. The fact that Salako is playing again and supposedly on the verge of the England squad is a great inspiration."

In truth, he was not spectacular on Saturday, although his positioning and control bespoke a man with experience of a higher level. He did not shirk a tackle or visibly tire and had a late header cleared off the line. "If I knew I was pulling out of challenges then I would stop now," he said. "But I know I am good enough to play in League football again."

Hodgson returns to Darlington

DARLINGTON, the Nationwide League third division club, have appointed David Hodgson, the former Middlesbrough and Liverpool striker, as their manager for the second time.

Hodgson returns to Feethams almost a year after he walked out on the club on a matter of principle, leaving Jim Platt in charge. Platt was dismissed on Sunday, six months after taking Darlington to the play-off final at Wembley.

Hodgson is expected to appoint Gary Bannister as his assistant. The veteran forward, who was the club's second top-scorer last season, was forced to retire from the professional game because of a neck injury and has been playing for Porthleven in the Jewson South Western League.

John Sheridan, Sheffield Wednesday's Ireland international midfield player, is joining Bolton Wanderers on a month's loan with a view to a permanent transfer. Bolton have paid a deposit of £25,000 and the clubs have agreed a fee of £200,000 if the move becomes permanent.

Stan Collymore will be in Liverpool's squad for the Coca-Cola Cup third-round home replay tonight against Charlton Athletic after being cleared of swearing at reporters during a reserve match.

Darren Anderton, the Tottenham Hotspur and England winger, played his first match for five weeks on Monday in Tottenham reserves' 5-0 win over Oxford United.

Stevenage faced with disrepute charge

By Our Sports Staff

STEVENAGE Borough, the Vauxhall Conference champions, have been charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute.

The charge, to which the Hertfordshire club has 14 days to reply, relates to comments made by Victor Green, its chairman, during his unsuccessful High Court action against the Football League.

Stevenage were denied promotion to the League because they did not meet the ground requirements by the December 31 deadline, although those criteria were met in time for the start of this season.

Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said: "The charge has been brought after FA officials studied the transcript of the High Court case brought against the Football League. In the course of that action, evidence was given regarding discussions between Stevenage officials and Torquay United."

Torquay finished bottom of the third division but were not relegated because of Stevenage's failure to meet the ground improvement deadline.

The Devon club is not facing any disciplinary action.

During the High Court case, Green said that he had spoken to Mike Bateson, the Torquay chairman, in March, at a time when he knew his club would not be allowed to go into the League.

Green had told Bateson that Torquay should offer £20,000 or £30,000 to persuade Stevenage to keep his best player, for whom he had been offered £100,000. A similar conversation was said to have taken place between the clubs' managers.

Green accepted in court that it was misleading for him to make that proposal when he was contemplating a legal challenge to the League's rules. Torquay had rejected the proposal.

The presiding judge, Mr Justice Carnwath, told the court that he would not comment on the morality of the proposal. Lancaster Gate is likely to take a dim view of Green's evidence.

Interest swelled by fortunes of corporate club

SIMON BARNES

Midweek View

Once we start off with Vinnie Jones as hero and Ryan Giggs as villain, there is no telling where we will end up. But there is no escaping this premise. Last week Vinnie, a man from the London fringes with a Welsh grandad, blubbed when he was made captain of the Wales football team. He then led the lads to a 7-1 defeat by the Dutch.

But he was there and doing his damnedest. Where was Giggs, another Wales player and the darling of Manchester United's million followers? Injured, of course; he missed the Premiership match the previous weekend. Was he undergoing treatment as Wales suffered this grim day? No. He was playing football for Manchester United reserves.

No technical offence was committed, but the Giggs priorities become uncompromisingly clear. Playing for Wales against Holland in the World Cup would not have been a good career move.

Giggs preferred the Manchester United stiffs to prove his fitness for a return to the Premiership against Arsenal on Saturday. No doubt he needed a proper workout; I'd back the United reserves against Wales any day. Their resources are so much deeper. I wonder how the Manchester United team of last season would have got on in the European championship?

Club football has never been so mighty and in this country it is Manchester United that set the pace. I have a theory: every football follower in the country is a Manchester United follower. It is either the first result you look for, or the second. For the pleasure of their victory, in the hope of their defeat.

Just about every match report of recent weeks has contained the line: "But the biggest cheer of the day came when the Manchester United defeat was announced . . ." This nationwide joy at Manchester United defeats has been milked by Alex Ferguson, their manager, to an almost insane degree.

I think he actually believes it. Everybody hates us, he says, ripping off Wimbledon's act, which is a transparent absurdity. It is not true that all the country hates Manchester United; only half of it. Such is the burden of success.

I set down these words in great trepidation. To write about football at all is to guarantee some pretty extraordinary letters; many people feel that they are let off rationality when it comes to football. But this rule counts double when the subject is Manchester United.

One correspondent wrote a series of letters in which he "exposed" me as a "Manchester United hater". My dear, I have better things to do with my emotional energies. Another correspondent, responding, of course, to the same match report, accused me of "sycophancy towards Manchester United".

But the fact is that Manchester United — I'm sorry, but if I refer to the team as "United" I will get a sack of ugly letters, most with a Leeds postmark — are an increasingly extraordinary phenomenon. Their resources of money and talent outstrip all others. They have no benevolent millionaire and no need of one. They have the millions of the poor instead and that is a far sounder principle of economics. As such, they exemplify the rising importance of club over country.

Increasingly, international football is not so much a competition as a showcase for talents who wish to raise their market value: to attract the rich clubs of the world, clubs such as Manchester United, which bought Jordi Cruyff and Karel Poborsky on the back of Euro 96.

Club football at the highest level is better resourced than the national kind and more cohesive. And it heaves with megalomaniacal ambition. The promoters and sponsors of competition want the giants involved in their promotions regardless of their present playing merits. It is sporting heresy, but damn good economics.

History is often interpreted as a purely economic matter. The history of sport can be considered in the same light. The central role of the great corporations in national and international affairs is a truism of history: forever funding political parties, backing despots and so on. The same pattern of corporate — that is to say, club — dominance is increasingly true of sport.

But sport does not command commodities such as food and drink and fuel and arms. Sport is an ephemeral thing, the whim of a moment. A football club's only real asset is its hold on the imaginations of its lovers and its haters. This comes from football matches and the eternal struggle for victory.

The fascinations of the struggle come from some kind of parity of competition — and this is precisely the opposite of what big clubs want. For them, football is a game of Monopoly: a search for a perfect world in which eternal victory is theirs by right. It seemed, at the start of this season, that Manchester United were getting close to attaining this. But football is ever capricious. The great corporations of the game may resent this but, if it were not the case, the world would have forgotten the game a long time ago.

> 'I'd back United's reserves to beat Wales'

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

There's a continuing debate on whether it is right to lead from a holding like A J 10 x against No-Trumps, or whether it is better to try a passive lead and hope your partner is able to get in to attack the suit from his side. This hand illustrates the point.

Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

♠KQ
♥843
♦J97
♣KQJ98

♠9864
♥AJ105
♦65
♣432

N
W E
S

♠J32
♥K97
♦A842
♣1076

♠A1075
♥Q62
♦KQ103
♣A5

S	W	N	E
1S	Pass	2C	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Contract: 3 NT by South. Lead: six of diamonds

I would lead the jack of hearts from West. The trouble with leading a diamond is that even if it is technically correct, your partner still has to be on the ball to make the most of it. The jack of hearts lead is likely to resolve the hand one way or another, without requiring much input from partner.

In this case East was Zia Mahmood, and perhaps that was why West felt he could try a lead requiring co-operation. Zia could tell that West's lead was top of nothing — if it was fourth best West would have to hold K Q 10 6, and from that he would have led the king. So Zia could see that he had to switch to hearts. Which card should he play?

See West's dilemma if East returns the seven of hearts and South puts on the queen. West may decide East's holding was 9 7 2 (it would be normal to play the middle of three in this position). Hence he may duck to maintain communication, with the hope that East has the ace of clubs.

Zia solved the problem by switching (more or less instantaneously) to the king of hearts at trick two; that way his partner had no chance to go wrong. Naturally when the king held he continued hearts, and West cashed out to beat the contract by one.

☐ There is a gala bridge evening at the Spanish Embassy on December 3, in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Tickets cost £65 each, black tie. Enquiries to Clare Linney on 0171-201 2372.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

How to castle

Continuing yesterday's theme of explaining simplified modern chess notation, today I explain castling. White castles on the kingside by moving his king from e1 to g1 and his rook from h1 to f1. White castles queenside by moving his king from e1 to c1 and his rook from a1 to d1. For Black, castling kingside involves placing the king on e8 to g8 and the rook from h8 to f8 while for the queenside the black king moves from e8 to c8 and the rook from a8 to d8.

There are restrictions on castling. You cannot castle if your king is in check, if the king passes through check on its castling route or if the rook you wish to castle with or your king have already moved. Note that you can castle queenside if the b1 or b8 squares are attacked by a hostile unit since the king does not actually pass over that square while castling.

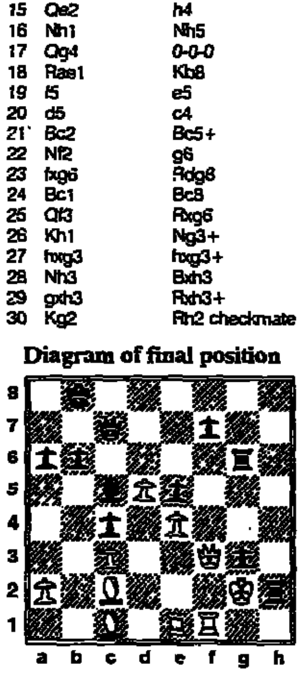
Kingside castling, both for White and Black is always denoted in simplified modern notation by 0-0. In the game which follows, White castles kingside on move 10. Queenside castling is always represented by 0-0-0 and, indeed, Black castles on the queenside on move 17.

White: Efim Bogoljubow
Black: Alexander Alekhine
World championship,
Wiesbaden 1929

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	b6
3	Nc3	Bb7
4	f3	d5
5	cxd5	Nxd5
6	e4	Nxc3
7	bxc3	e6
8	Bb5+	Nd7
9	Ne2	Be7
10	0-0	a6
11	Bd3	c5
12	Bb2	Qc7
13	f4	Nf6
14	Ng3	h5
15	Qe2	h4
16	Nh1	Nh5
17	Qg4	0-0-0
18	Rae1	Kb8
19	f5	e5
20	d5	c4
21	Bc2	Bc5+
22	Nf2	g6
23	fxg6	Rdg8
24	Bc1	Bc8
25	Qf3	Rxg6
26	Kh1	Ng3+
27	hxg3	hxg3+
28	Nh3	Bxh3
29	gxh3	Rxh3+
30	Kg2	Rh2 checkmate

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

OPHELIMITY
a. Thinking one is Ophelia
b. Sexually agreeable
c. Helpful

DIAMANTIFEROUS
a. Bearing diamonds
b. Cloaked
c. Contradictory

ATAXY
a. A cry for a cab
b. Hopelessness
c. Difficulty with movement

RAMPALLION
a. A romp
b. A lion rampant
c. A stockade

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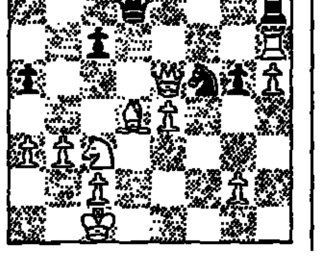
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Richter — Nageli, Munich 1936. In this messy position White found a powerful sequence which brought about an easily winning endgame. Can you spot it?



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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Coca-Cola Cup
Third-round replays
Arsenal v Stoke (7.45)
Coventry v Gillingham (7.45)
Liverpool v Charlton (7.45)

Nationwide League
First division
Birmingham v Bolton (7.45)
Man City v Oxford Utd (7.45)
West Bromwich v Sheff Utd (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
First division
St Johnstone v East Fife (7.45)

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second qualifying round replay: Sittingbourne v Aylesbury.
DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Southern division: Forest Green v Weston-super-Mare.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol C v Swansea; Norwich v Southampton; Portsmouth v Bristol R (7.0); Wimbledon v Cardiff (Plough Lane, 2.0)
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool v Port Vale (7.0), Huddersfield v Preston (7.0); Middlesbrough v Sunderland (7.0). Second division: Barnsley v Grimsby (7.0); Burnley v York (7.15); Manchester City v Carlisle (Witton Albion, 7.0); Wrexham v Hull (7.0). Third division: Darlington v Chester (7.0); Doncaster v Wigan (7.0); Rochdale v Chesterfield (7.0). Scarborough v Bury (7.0), Scunthorpe v Walsall (7.0)
LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round, first leg: Briton F v Ton Pentre, Carmarthen v Inter Cable-Tel; Conwy v Llansantffraid; Welshpool v Caernarfon.
SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Tiverton v Brislington.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington Terriers v Crook; Billingham v Tow Law; Whickham v Guisborough.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Fairford v Didcot; Kintbury v Carterton; North Leigh v Abingdon United.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: St Helens v Trafford.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket v Wroxham.
UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v S and L Corby; Kempston v Eynesbury; Spalding v Boston.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Saltdean v Hailsham; Selsey v Wick.
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Enfield v Boreham Wood; Leighton v Watford; Exeter v Torquay; Yeovil v Bournemouth; Southampton v Sittingbourne.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Boodle & Dunthorne Cup: Third round: Shrewsbury v Manchester GS. Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: Chesterfield v Grimsby (Chester, 7.0); Bath v Southampton (Bath City); Walsall v Halesowen (Blackenhall). FA Premier League Trophy: U-18: Herts v Suffolk (Woodside Stadium). U-16: Cheshire v G Manchester (Winsford, 7.0); Inner London v Suffolk (Collier Row); Oxon v Wilts (Wantage).

RUGBY UNION

ANGLO WELSH CUP: Group 1B: Cardiff v Sale (7.15).
TOUR MATCHES: Cambridge Univ v Queensland (7.15); Connacht v Australia XV (Galway SG, 2.30).
UNDER-21 MATCH: Connacht v New Zealand XV (Crowley Park, Galway, noon).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: International match: England v China (Exeter).
BASKETBALL: European Cup: London v Vita Tbilisi (Geo) (8.0). Budweiser League: Leicester v Hemel and Watford (8.0). 7UP Trophy: Crystal Palace v Worthing (8.0).
TENNIS: Guardian Direct national championships (Telford).

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RACING: TOP RIDER MISSES HENNESSY TO PARTNER FORMER CHAMPION HURDLER AT NEWCASTLE

Dunwoody committed to Alderbrook

By Julian Muscat

WITHOUT a victory in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, Richard Dunwoody must wait at least 12 months before ending his personal drought in the Newbury showpiece.

Dunwoody will be at Newcastle to partner Alderbrook when the Hennessy is renewed on November 30. He is bound by a prior arrangement with the connections of Alderbrook, who embarks on his final jumps season in the Fighting Fifth Handicap Hurdle before taking up stud duties.

"I have a verbal agreement to ride Alderbrook and One Man in all their races this season," Dunwoody said yesterday. "It looks as though Alderbrook is bound for Newcastle and I will be there to ride him. It's an unfortunate clash of dates, but it happens. I'm looking forward to riding the horse, wherever he runs."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GOLDENSWIFT
(1.50 Newbury)
Next best: Karshi
(2.20 Newbury)

The Hennessy remains elusive to Dunwoody among five major races in the National Hunt calendar. He has secured victories in the Grand National, the Cheltenham Gold Cup, the King George VI Chase and the Champion Hurdle, in which he rode Alderbrook to finish second to Collier Bay eight months ago.

Kim Bailey, who trains Alderbrook, yesterday reported his charge in rude health for his seasonal reappearance. "He is pretty straight now and will be ready to run somewhere near his best on November 30," Bailey said. "The horse has been with me for the last 12 months and he has had a rest for the first time in his career. He spent two months out in a field during the summer, so it will be nice to start fresh."

Alderbrook has previously been campaigned throughout the year. Successful in group two company on the Flat, he enjoyed his finest hour at Cheltenham in 1995 when running away from Large Action in the Champion Hurdle. His career has been plagued by troublesome fetlock joints, from which fragments of bone were removed last year, but Bailey is delighted with the seven-year-old's limbs thus far. He added that Alderbrook would not be risked on unsuitably fast ground.

JULIAN HERBERT

Alderbrook, who won the Champion Hurdle in 1995, makes his seasonal reappearance in the Fighting Fifth Handicap Hurdle at Newcastle

In addition to Alderbrook's reappearance, the latter days of November will determine whether Master Oats, Bailey's 1995 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, can resume his chasing career. The trainer said of the leg injury which relegated Master Oats to the sidelines in March: "It will be scanned at the end of the month. If the prognosis is favourable Master Oats will come back into training with the Grand National as his objective. Otherwise, he will miss the whole of the season and return next year."

The Upper Lambourn trainer nominated Feel The Power, due to reappear at Kempton a week today, as probably his best novice chase prospect. "We will start him off over two miles," Bailey said. "I don't think he saw out the extended 2½ miles when third in the Cathcart Chase."

Meanwhile, Strong Medicine is expected to line up in the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday. Conor O'Dwyer, who replaced Norman Williamson as stable jockey at the start of the season, will be aboard the recent Sandown winner.

Like O'Dwyer, Dunwoody must embark on regular journeys to Ireland to fulfil his riding commitments. Although he has agreements with Dermot Weld and the expanding Edward O'Grady operation, Dunwoody remains very much in demand among British trainers. He regularly rides for Gordon Richards and David Gandolfo, and recently reactivated an old association when partnering Silver Shred for Martin Pipe at Chepstow last Saturday.

Indeed, Dunwoody's alliance with the Pipe-trained Challenger Du Luc for the Murphy's Gold Cup has triggered a deluge of support for the six-year-old chaser. From an opening quote of 16-1, Challenger Du Luc has now advanced to joint-favourite in the ante-post markets.

"Mr O'Grady has a lot of nice young horses which won't be ready until the second half of the season," Dunwoody explained, "so I've got a bit of time on my hands." His prowess is such that he will not be allowed to idle it away.

Aga Khan renews link with Stoute

ONE of racing's most successful partnerships is to resume after confirmation that Michael Stoute will receive five yearlings to train for the Aga Khan before the end of the year.

Stoute and the Aga enjoyed a fruitful association before the owner withdrew his horses from Britain over Aliysa's disqualification from the 1989 Oaks, after traces of the banned substance camphor were found in her urine.

In the ensuing dispute with the Jockey Club over its drug-testing procedures, the Aga withdrew his horses from the stables of Stoute and Luca Cumani, 78 in total, in 1990 to concentrate his breeding and training operations in France and Ireland through Chantilly trainer Alain de Royer-Dupré and Co Kildare-based John Oxx.

Among the big-race victories the Aga and Stoute shared during the 1980's were Shergar's ten-length triumph in the 1981 Derby and the 1986 Derby victory of Shahrastani.

The Aga announced last year that he would revive his involvement with British racing, and the Luca Cumani-trained Mandilak won for him at Yarmouth a fortnight ago.

On hearing confirmation that his yard would also benefit from a return of the owner's patronage, Stoute said: "I am delighted at the Aga Khan's decision to send me yearlings this year."

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

1.00 Bietschhorn Bard
1.30 KING LUCIFER (nap)
2.00 Chicodari.
2.30 Castlekellyleader
3.00 Lets Be Frank
3.30 The Minister
4.00 Symphony's Son

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
1.30 KING LUCIFER.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 (6) 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robeson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD — TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

1.00 ASTLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,723: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

101	P444P-1	BIETSCHHORN BARD 18 (C,G) (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 6-11-5	R Dunwoody	88
102	6410/F	CREDO BOY 8 (S) (A Bishop) K Bishop 7-10-12	R Greene	–
103	305-	DENHAM HILL 253 (J Brown) C Mann 5-10-12	J Railton	–
104	0-	DEXTRA 271 (Dexra Lighting) S Earle 6-10-12	C Maude	–
105	60340-3	DRAKESTONE 20 (R Brown) R Brown 5-10-12	R Johnson	◉
106	0-5	JAVELIN COOL 13 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-10-12	K Gaule (3)	–
107	23220-	KALADROSS 228 (R Howell) A Jenks 5-10-12	T Jenks	–
108	11233-	MIGHTY MOSS 303 (S) (K Hussey) D Nicholson 5-10-12	Mr F Hutsby (7)	–
109	0-	MR MOTIVATOR 284 (V Scott) T Keddy 6-10-12	S McNeill	–
110	63-	SAMMORELLO 175 (Mrs S MacEchern) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12	C Llewellyn	–
111	331-	WARNER FOR PLAYERS 221 (S) (T Warner) P Hobbs 5-10-12	A P McCoy	–
112	40-003P	HYDEMILLA 13 (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 6-10-7	G Hogan (3)	74
113		SULA'S DREAM (Miss S Burgin) G Ham 7-10-7	S Burrough	–
114	04	WISE 'N' SHINE 8 (Carters Feed) N Lampard 5-10-7	Chris Webb (5)	80

BETTING: 11-4 Bietschhorn Bard, 7-2 Mighty Moss, 7-1 Sammorello, 8-1 Warner For Players, 10-1 Drakestone, 12-1 Wise 'N' Shine, Kaladross, 16-1 others.

1995: STORM NORTH 5-11-0 [illegible] (13-2) Miss V Williams 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIETSCHHORN BARD beat Mythical Approach 2l in 19-runner novice hurdle here (2m 2f, good). DRAKESTONE 6½l 3rd of 11 to Pegasus Bay in Ludlow novice hurdle (2m, firm). KALADROSS 10l 2nd of 19 to [illegible] in NH flat race at Haydock (2m, heavy). MIGHTY MOSS 7½l 3rd of 10 to Noble Thyne in Punchestown NH flat race (2m, soft). SAMMORELLO 13½l 3rd of 15 to [illegible] in NH flat race here (2m, good). WARNER FOR PLAYERS beat Brave Edwin 18l in Newton Abbot NH Flat race (2m 1f, good to soft). HYDEMILLA best effort 12l 3rd of 8 to Last Laugh in handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good to firm). WISE 'N' SHINE 23l 4th of 9 to [illegible] in Warwick novice hurdle (2m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: MIGHTY MOSS.

1.30 DUNLEY LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,025: 2m 7f 110yd) (3 runners)

201	2211F1-	BILLYGOAT GRUFF 200 (G,S) (P Cooney) D Nicholson 7-11-7	A Maguire	94
202	22113F-	KING LUCIFER 249 (G,S) (J Marsh) D Nicholson 7-11-4	R Johnson	◉
203	2/1025-	CHERRYNUT 361 (C,F,G,S) ([illegible]) P Nicholls 7-10-13	A P McCoy	90

BETTING: 4-5 Billygoat Gruff, 2-1 King Lucifer, 3-1 Cherrynut.

1995: ACT OF PARLIAMENT 7-10-7 R Dunwoody (13-8) K Bailey 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

BILLYGOAT GRUFF beat Twin Rainbow 1l in 20-runner grade I Heineken Gold Cup at Punchestown (3m 1f, soft). KING LUCIFER 7½l 3rd of 12 to [illegible] in novice chase at Newbury (3m, good to soft). Earlier put up best effort when 2nd of 6 to [illegible] in novice chase at Worcester (2m 5f, heavy) on reappearance. CHERRYNUT 1½l 2nd of 4 to Betty's Boy in the grade II Aga Worcester Novices' Chase here (2m 7f, good to firm).
Selection: BILLYGOAT GRUFF

2.00 PLUMB CENTER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,556: 2m) (8 runners)

301	P01122-	CHICODARI 152 (D,G,S) [illegible] 4-12-0	A Maguire	97
302	411423-	TENEIN 235 (D,S) [illegible] 6-11-5 (5ex)	R Dunwoody	◉
303	22423-7	MOUSE BIRD 7 (G,S) [illegible] A Turnell 10-11-4	C Rae (7)	92
304	3P213-	SOCIETY GUEST 200 (C,D,F,G,S) [illegible] 7-11-?	Sophie Mitchell (5)	90
305	122311-	KHALIDI 352 (D,F,G,S) [illegible] 5-10-8	M Richards	98
306	234100-	INCULCATE 334 (D,S) [illegible] 4-10-6	R Johnson	88
307	40159-4	UNITED FRONT 12 (S) [illegible] R Price 9-10-0	D J Kavanagh (5)	83
308	31016-0	PRIDEWOOD PICKER 12 [illegible]		

BETTING: 2-1 Tenein, [illegible] Chicodari, [illegible] Mouse Bird, 6-1 [illegible], 7-1 Society Guest, 12-1 Inculcate, 16-1 United Front, 33-1 Pridewood Picker.

1995: SOUTHAMPTON [illegible] 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHICODARI 5l 2nd of 8 to [illegible] in [illegible] hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). TENEIN [illegible] MOUSE BIRD [illegible] SOCIETY GUEST [illegible] KHALIDI beat [illegible] in [illegible] handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, [illegible]). INCULCATE beat Buster Bob 11l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). UNITED FRONT best effort last term to win 15-runner maiden hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy) in [illegible] from Ambleside. PRIDEWOOD PICKER beat Searchlight 4l in an 11-runner handicap [illegible] over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: CHICODARI

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WORCESTER SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Sherwood, 18 winners from 52 runners, 34.6%; C Mann, 7 from 23, 30.4%; Miss H Knight, 12 from 41, 29.3%; C Weedon, 4 from 15, 26.7%; M Pipe, 31 from 124, 25.0%; P Nicholls, 12 from 50, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 24 winners from 100 runners, 24.0%; D Bridgwater, 23 from 141, 16.3%; A Maguire, 23 from 143, 16.1%; C Llewellyn, 19 from 121, 15.7%; R Dunwoody, 32 from 209, 15.3%; T J Murphy, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

2.30 WORCESTER NOVICES CHASE
(Grade II: £12,386: 2m 7f 110yd) (11 runners)

401	216312/	BANKHEAD 170P (F,G,S) (Mrs L Brazier) J Spearing 7-11-1	D Bridgwater	–
402	125105-	BUTTERCUP JOE 229 (S) (R Faters) D Nicholson 6-11-1	A Maguire	–
403	421111-	CASTLEKELLYLEADER 203 (G,S) (P Barber) P Nicholls 7-11-1	A P McCoy	–
404	610563-	COOL RUNNER 233 (S) (G Nock) Mrs S Nock 6-11-1	R Bellamy	–
405	4	INCH EMPEROR 14 (T Collen) A Carroll 6-11-1	T J Murphy	–
406	U421-11	MONY-SKIP 14 (F) (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 7-11-1	R Guest	85
407	101611-	PLEASURE SHARED 214 (G,S) (T Eaves) P Hobbs 8-11-1	C Maude	–
408	R121/F4-	SEACHANGE 249 (G,S) (A Stevens) M Wilkinson 7-11-1	I Lawrence	–
409	20/2141-	TENNESSEE TWIST 272 (G,S) (Hatewood International) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-1	R Farrant	–
410	11503-S	WISLEY WONDER 7 (BF,F,G,S) (Wisley Golf) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1	C Llewellyn	–
411	82151-1	AROUND THE GALE 12 (S) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 5-10-13	R Dunwoody	◉

BETTING: 3-1 Around The Gale, 4-1 Castlekellyleader, 5-1 Pleasure Shared, 6-1 Wisley Wonder, 8-1 Buttercup Joe, Tennessee Twist, 10-1 others.

1995: BETTY'S BOY 5-11-1 R Dunwoody (2-1) K Bailey 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASTLEKELLYLEADER beat Gentle Buck 5l in the 13-runner grade I Stanley Cooker Champion Novices' Hurdle at Punchestown (2m 4f, soft) with WISLEY WONDER 1½l 3rd. COOL RUNNER 6½l 3rd of 8 to Spring Grass in novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 6f, good to soft). MONY-SKIP beat Capo Castanum 4l in 6-runner novice chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, firm) with INCH EMPEROR (12lb worse off) 24l 4th. PLEASURE SHARED beat Seeton Cash 1¼l in the 7-runner grade I Lethebey & Christopher Long Distance Hurdle at Ascot (3m, good to soft). Previously beat Superior Risk 7l in the 16-runner grade I Belle Epoque Sefton Novices' Hurdle at Aintree (3m 110yd, good) with BUTTERCUP JOE 8¾l 5th and WISLEY WONDER 10l 8th. TENNESSEE TWIST beat What's Your Story 4l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Towcester (3m, heavy). AROUND THE GALE beat Rallers 12l in an 11-runner novice chase at Bangor (2m 1f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: AROUND THE GALE (nap)

3.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,847: 2m) (11 runners)

501	1111	INDRAPURA 12 (D,F,S) (M Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 4-12-0	A P McCoy	◉
502	0/03042-	SWEET TRENTINO 183 (R Smith) M Tate 5-10-11	A Maguire	97
503	00P-	YOUNG TYCOON 193 (A Darlington) A J Wilson 5-10-11	R Greene	80
504	3606-	FAIRIES FAREWELL 253 (N Sherwood) O Sherwood 6-10-11	J A McCarthy	80
505	49-3331	COUNT OF FLANDERS 18 (G) (K Morgan) K Morgan 6-10-10	A S Smith	97
506	00000-2	LETS BE FRANK 13 (BF) (Mrs M Stobart) N Chance 5-10-10	R Johnson	93
507	0/0/P-0	SYLVESTER 18 (Miss A Broyd) Miss A Broyd 6-10-3	D Bridgwater	87
508	085323-	COLWALL 193 (Mrs Y Allsop) Miss P Whittle 5-10-2	C Llewellyn	◉
509	056-	KINGS VISION 390 (Mrs C Wilson) W Jenks 4-10-0	S Wynne	85
510	00F-6	TIME LEADER 5 (Big Time Boys) R Dickin 4-10-0	Derek Byrne	92
511	U50P64-	BLAZING MIRACLE 191 (Mrs R Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 4-10-0	D Salter (5)	84

Long handicap: Kings Vision 9-13, Time Leader 9-12, Blazing Miracle 9-7

BETTING: 5-4 Indrapura, 7-2 Sweet Trentino, 7-1 Lets Be Frank, 8-1 Colwall, 10-1 Count of Flanders, Fairies Farewell, 12-1 Young Tycoon, 16-1 others.

1995: FRONTIER FLIGHT 5-11-5 E Husband (7-2) Miss L Siddall 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

INDRAPURA beat Night Boat 1¾l in 12-runner claiming novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good to soft). SWEET TRENTINO 3¾l 2nd of 4 to Our Rainbow in claiming novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, firm). COUNT OF FLANDERS beat Glenvally 3½l in 13-runner selling handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). LETS BE FRANK 3l 2nd of 9 to Ragamuffin Romeo in novices' handicap hurdle at Stratford (2m 110yd, good). COLWALL 8l 3rd of 11 to Mill O'The Rags in novices' handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, firm) with SWEET TRENTINO (1lb worse off) 2½l 4th. KINGS VISION 23¾l 5th of 8 to Watch My Lips in juvenile hurdle at Fakenham (2m, good). BLAZING MIRACLE 43l 4th of 10 to Lessons Lass in novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: LETS BE FRANK

3.30 TALFAB TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,732: 2m) (12 runners)

601	6051/02-	HIGH LOW 333 (F,S) (M Lambarchi) W Jenks 8-12-0	T Jenks	92
602	4BP30-5	PORPHYRIOS 17 (S) (I Bullerwell) K Bailey 5-11-12	C Llewellyn	–
603	0/P-P30	GOOD FOR A LAUGH 18 (D,G,S) (D Walker) G Ham 12-11-9	Mr G Shenkin (7)	◉
604	4000-13	AMBASSADOR ROYALE 19 (D,F,G,S) Miss A Broyd 8-11-5	D Bridgwater	91
605	FF05U5-	REESHLOCH 223 (B,S) (Mrs M Taylor) A Turnell 7-11-2	C Rae (7)	95
606	164P00-	DRESS DANCE 186 (S) (Mrs J Powell) N Mitchell 6-10-13	Sophie Mitchell (5)	–
607	48345-	WHO AM I 190 (H Wellstead) R Alner 6-10-12	A P McCoy	–
608	PPP/1U1-	THE MINISTER 359 (D,F) (Mrs P Hunt) R Champion 7-10-10	A Maguire	92
609	45234/0-	THATS THE LIFE 510 (D,F,G) (Ms L Kilwalter) T George 11-10-5	R Johnson	–
610	31P50-5	VIAGGIO 19 (V,B,S) (T Forbes) A Forbes 8-10-3	T Eley	–
611	2225-03	JEWEL THIEF 21 (V,F) (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 6-10-2	B Clifford	–
612	P/F00P-	BROWN ROBBER 253 (W Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 8-10-0	R Farrant	–

Long handicap: Brown Robber 9-4.

BETTING: 5-2 High Low, 5-1 The Minister, 6-1 Ambassador Royale, 7-1 Porphyrios, 8-1 Good For A Laugh, Reeshloch, 14-1 others.

1995: NEWHALL PRINCE 7-10-13 T Eley (2-1) A Streeter 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGH LOW 11l 2nd of 4 to Jacob's Wife in novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m, good to firm). PORPHYRIOS 3l 3rd of 6 to Welsh Mill in novice hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, soft). GOOD FOR A LAUGH 14¾l 3rd of 6 to Merry Panto in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good). AMBASSADOR ROYALE beat The Lancer 2½l in 9-runner novice chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, good to soft). WHO AM I 5l 3rd of 10 to Circus Colours in novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). THE MINISTER beat Must Be Magical 3l in 6-runner novices' handicap chase at Catterick (2m, good to firm). JEWEL THIEF 6l 5th of 8 to No Light in handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, good to firm).
Selection: THE MINISTER

4.00 WYCHBOLD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,427: 2m) (22 runners)

1	1	BOOTS MADDEN 19 (G) (L Phipps) Miss V Williams 6-11-11	R Johnson	–
2		ABOVE SUSPICION (Mrs J Humphreys) C James 4-11-4	S McNeill	–
3	063-	ANOTHER COCKPIT 191 (Cockpit Crew) P Hobbs 4-11-4	D J Kavanagh (5)	–
4	02-	ARCTIC FUSILIER 193 (Mrs R Hambro) Miss H Knight 5-11-4	Mr A Wintle (7)	–
5		ARKLOW KING (P Wegmann) P Wegmann 4-11-4	S Fowler (7)	–
6	0-3	BECKY'S LAD 11 (Mrs D Thomas) Mrs D Thomas 6-11-4	Guy Lewis (3)	–
7		DOMINDROSS (A Ford) P Nicholls 4-11-4	A P McCoy	–
8		EUROFAST PET (Eurofast Petrochemicals) S Brookshaw 6-11-4	C Maude	–
9		FIRECROWN (Mrs P Robeson) Mrs P Robeson 6-11-4	M Richards	–
10		GOWER-SLAVE (B Bevan) P Bowen 4-11-4	R Farrant	–
11		HIGH STATESMAN (Mrs J Sait) T Bill 4-11-4	J Railton	–
12	520-	HILLS GAMBLE 217 (J Hill) P Bevan 6-11-4	W Worthington	–
13		LOOK IN THE MIRROR (Mirror 4 Punters) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4	L Suthern (7)	–
14		NEW LEAF (Mrs D Hoes) D Gandolfo 4-11-4	Sophie Mitchell (5)	–
15		SABRECOOL (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-11-4	K Gaule (3)	–
16	40-	SHARBAKANNDI 239 (S Clough) J King 4-11-4	C Llewellyn	–
17		SUPER BAPIER (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-11-4	R Guest	–
18	365-	SYMPHONY'S SON 193 (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-4	A Maguire	–
19	503	LADY FOLEY 14 (B) (Foley Steelstock) C Mann 4-10-13	R Dunwoody	–
20	062-	LOCH NA KEAL 193 (S Kimber) C Morlock 4-10-13	J R Kavanagh	–
21		RACHEL LOUISE (M Olden) T Kedley 4-10-13	D Bridgwater	–
22		SMALL FLAME (D Brennan) D Brennan 5-10-13	M Brennan	–

BETTING: 7-2 Look In The Mirror, 5-1 Arctic Fusilier, 11-2 Symphony's Son, 8-1 Domindross, 10-1 Loch Na Keal, 14-1 Boots Madden, 16-1 Lady Foley, 20-1 others

1995: NORDIC PRINCE 4-11-3 R Garrity (12-1) T Tate 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOOTS MADDEN beat First Light 6l in an 11-runner NH flat race at Fakenham (2m, good). ANOTHER COCKPIT 15l 3rd of 18 to Mankmore Towers in NH flat race at Exeter (2m 2f, good to firm). ARCTIC FUSILIER 4l 2nd of 16 to Pointed Remark in NH flat race at Uttoxeter (2m, good) with SYMPHONY'S SON 4l 5th. BECKY'S LAD 6¾l 3rd of 7 to Danzante in NH flat race at Warwick (2m, good to firm). HILLS GAMBLE 9l 2nd of 11 to Johnny-K in NH flat race at Hereford (2m 1f, heavy). LADY FOLEY 6¼l 3rd of 8 to Tidal Force in NH flat race at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, firm). LOCH NA KEAL ¾l 2nd of 15 to Spring Double in NH flat race at Uttoxeter (2m, good).
Selection: BOOTS MADDEN

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Sedgefield
Going: good (good to firm in places)

12.50 (3m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Top Skipper (A S Smith, 10-1); 2, Snowy Lane (7-1); 3, Blanc Seing (9-1). D'Arblay Street 11-8 fav. 10 ran. ½l, 5l. M Wane. Tote: £13.40; £2.20, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £15.90. Trio: £66.60. CSF: £77.58. Tricast: £616.01. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

1.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Brambles Way (P Niven, 8-1); 2, Contrafire (4-5 fav); 3, Suas Leat (9-2). 9 ran. NR: Nizaal. 4l, 10l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £6.00; £1.50, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £7.90. Trio: £5.50. CSF: £16.11.

1.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Full O'Praise (L Wyer, 11-2); 2, Val De Rama (5-1); 3, Thunderstruck (5-2 fav). 9 ran. 1½l, 16l. P Calver. Tote: £6.20; £2.60, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £15.30. Trio: £13.20. CSF: £32.08. Tricast: £79.39.

2.20 (3m 3f ch) 1, Ivy House (M Dwyer, 2-1 fav); 2, Aly Daley (4-1); 3, Ole Ole (13-2). 8 ran. 3½l, ½l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £5.90. CSF: £11.05. Tricast: £42.54.

2.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Cader Idris (P Niven, 6-1); 2, Final Beat (6-1); 3, Fingerhill (33-1). Uncle Keeny 4-7 fav (pu). 8 ran. 4l, 19l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £7.90. CSF: £39.15.

3.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Ela Mata (J Railton, 3-1); 2, Durad (4-6 fav); 3, Jills Joy (25-1). 7 ran. 7l, 2½l. Mrs A Swinbank. Tote: £4.70; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.57.

3.50 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Tigh-Na-Mara (M Newton, 5-2); 2, Marsden Rock (7-1); 3, Smart Approach (13-8 fav). 7 ran. 6l, 2l. J Jefferson. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £3.30. DF: £10.90. CSF: £19.00.

Placepot: £43.10. Quadpot: £5.50.

Ludlow
Going: good to firm

1.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Medford (J Power, 4-1); 2, Daceio (5-6 fav); 3, One More Dime (12-1). 6 ran. NR: Cyphrate. 4l, ¾l. W G M Turner. Tote: £5.50; £2.60, £1.00. DF: £5.10. CSF: £8.18.

1.40 (2m ch) 1, Fichu (M Richards, 6-1); 2, Fenwick (2-1 fav); 3, Willie Makeit (11-2). 6 ran. NR: Mill O'The Rags. 11l, 2l. Mrs L Richards. Tote: £7.40; £2.40, £1.50. DF: £8.00. CSF: £18.50.

2.10 (2m hdle) 1, Burlington Sam (O Burrows, 7-2); 2, Hacketts Cross (7-1); 3, Twice The Groom (12-1). Tadellal 100-30 fav (pu). 14 ran. 3½l, 1½l. A Hobbs. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £3.70, £2.90. DF: £10.50. Trio: £39.70. CSF: £28.24. Tricast: £253.09. No bid.

2.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, Legal Artist (L Harvey, 5-1); 2, On The Tear (16-1); 3, Dormston Boyo (25-1). Danzig Island 15-8 fav (f). 7 ran. 14l, 1½l. Miss C Johnsey. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £4.20. DF: £36.60. CSF: £62.53.

3.10 (2m hdle) 1, Lady Peta (M A Fitzgerald, 4-5 fav); 2, Darakshan (5-4); 3, Welsh Loot (11-1). 5 ran. Nk, 17l. N Henderson. Tote: £1.60; £1.00, £3.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.12.

3.40 (3m ch) 1, Lord Of The West (A Maguire, 5-2); 2, Father Sky (9-2); 3, Rainbow Castle (5-6 fav). 5 ran. 8l, 4l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £8.50. CSF: £13.15.

4.10 (2m flat) 1, Poppy's Dream (Mr R Thornton, 5-1); 2, A S Jim (6-1); 3, Forofivetwohundred (6-1). Driopero 8-13 fav. 6 ran. NR: Hidden Valley. 20l, 6l. J Wharton. Tote: £6.90; £3.30, £8.50. DF: £10.90. CSF: £31.27.

Placepot: £97.90. Quadpot: £24.00.

Lingfield Park
Going: standard

12.30 (1m) 1, Thai Morning (G Duffield, 5-2 fav); 2, Greatest (8-1); 3, Barbason (16-1). 11 ran. 3l, 1½l. P Harris. Tote: £3.40; £1.40, £2.20, £3.70. DF: £36.10. Trio: £85.70. CSF: £20.83. Tricast: £242.90.

1.00 (5f) 1, Hyde Park (G Duffield, 6-4 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Lady Shirl (14-1); 3, Splashed (11-2). 10 ran. Nk, 4l. M Prescott. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £3.80, £1.70. DF: £8.10. Trio: £18.30. CSF: £19.61.

1.30 (1m 2f) 1, Awesome Power (A Clark, 2-1 fav); 2, Sweet Amoret (14-1); 3, Bellateena (11-1). 9 ran. 1¼l, 2½l. J Hills. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £5.70, £1.50. DF: £27.90. Trio: £41.50. CSF: £25.72.

2.00 (1m) 1, Zahran (L Charnock, 3-1 fav); 2, Hurtleberry (5-1); 3, Allinson's Mate (7-2). 11 ran. ¾l, 3l. J Bradley. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £11.80. Trio: £6.00. CSF: £16.46. Tricast: £48.89.

2.30 (6f) 1, Seretse's Nephew (D Wright, 16-1); 2, Mon Bruce (10-1); 3, Peter Perfect (13-2). Coe-N-K 11-4 fav. 11 ran. ¾l, 1¼l. S Williams. Tote: £38.60; £5.20, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £160.40. Trio: £220.20. CSF: £143.98. Tricast: £1,067.47.

3.00 (2m) 1, Guest Alliance (Candy Morris, 10-1); 2, Coleridge (6-1); 3, Mattimas Mystique (4-1 jt-fav). Broughtons Formula 4-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. 3l, sh hd. A Moore. Tote: £15.80; £3.90, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £35.10. Trio: £82.20. CSF: £65.49. Tricast: £260.67.

3.30 (7f) 1, Gad Yakoun (J Quinn, 9-4); 2, Mazurek (3-1); 3, Woodbury Lad (Evens fav). 7 ran. NR: Sinking Sun. 1¼l, 6l. M Meagher. Tote: £3.70; £2.10, £2.30. DF: £4.80. CSF: £9.18.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, Double Rush (S Sanders, 5-6 fav); 2, Eastleigh (9-1); 3, Komodo (33-1). 8 ran. 6l, 2l. T Mills. Tote: £1.90; £1.00, £1.80, £9.50. DF: £7.30. CSF: £9.45.

Jackpot: £10,105.80 (0.09 winning tickets. Pool of £12,952.52 carried forward to Worcester today).

Placepot: £200.30. Quadpot: £52.50.

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
1.20 Aerion. 1.50 Goldenswift. 2.20 Mandys Mantino. 2.50 Redeemyourself. 3.20 Northern Saddler. 3.50 Percy Thrower.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.20 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (£3,136: 2m) (18 runners)

1	441-	THE CAPTAIN'S WISH 179 (G) D Nicholson 5-11-10	Mr R Thornton (7)	80
2	1-	AERION 237 (S) O Sherwood 5-11-0	J Osborne	–
3	P-	CHINA GEM 204 C Brooks 5-11-0	G Bradley	–
4		CLASSICACTION Miss C Johnsey 5-11-0	L Harvey	–
5	0-0	ERMYNS PET 33 G L Moore 5-11-0	D O'Sullivan	–
6	12-	EVER BLESSED 214 (S) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	W Marston	–
7		MILLCROFT REGATTA R Alner 4-11-0	P Henley (3)	–
8	00-	MR GOONHILLY 191 R Alner 6-11-0	A Thornton	–
9	0-	OUR PETE 217 J Bosley 5-11-0	M Bosley	–
10	00-	RATHKEAL 253 M Heaton-Ellis 5-11-0	D Gallagher	–
11	00-	SAFEGLIDE 246 J Gifford 6-11-0	P Hide	–
12		SNOWSHILL HARVEST A Turnell 5-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	–
13	00-0	STORM TIGER 18 S Mellor 5-11-0	N Mann	–
14		STRATHMINSTER K Bailey 5-11-0	C O'Dwyer	–
15	503-	TOMPETOO 270 N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0	D Walsh (3)	◉
16		TOWER STREET J Gifford 5-11-0	L Aspell (3)	–
17	430-	KENTFORD TINA 217 (G) J Mullins 5-10-9	S Curran	–
18	4-	MAID FOR ADVENTURE 229 Miss H Knight 5-10-9	J F Titley	–

7-4 Aerion, 7-2 The Captain's Wish, 9-2 Ever Blessed, 7-1 Tompetoo, 8-1 Tower Street, 10-1 Strathminster, 12-1 Maid For Adventure, 14-1 others

1.50 LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,519: 3m) (8)

1	1232	LUCKY DOLLAR 19 (BF,F,S) K Bailey 8-12-0	C O'Dwyer	98
2	0PB-	LOTTERY TICKET 208 (S) J Edwards 7-12-0	J F Titley	–
3	32-P	THE GO AHEAD 18 T Forster 6-11-7	A Thornton	96
4	501-	BALLYEDWARD 216 (F) R Buckler 6-11-3	B Powell	–
5	42-2	SUGAR HILL 14 J Gifford 6-11-2	P Hide	90
6	30-2	GOLDENSWIFT 21 (BF,G,S) G Balding 6-11-1	B Fenton	90
7	15-1	EXPRESS TRAVEL 18 (F,G) R Curtis 8-10-7	D Morris	◉
8	-45U	WESTERLY GALE 17 N Henderson 6-10-5	M A Fitzgerald	96

3-1 Express Travel, 4-1 Lucky Dollar, 9-2 Goldenswift, 5-1 Sugar Hill, Westerly Gale, 7-1 The Go Ahead, 8-1 others

2.20 TOM MASSON TROPHY HURDLE
(£4,841: 2m 5f) (5)

1	111-	MANDYS MANTINO 214 (F,G,S) J Gifford 6-11-8	P Hide	69
2	4-F3	DJAIS 11 (F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-4	G Bradley	63
3	120-	LITTLE BUCK 263 (G,S) L Wells 8-11-4	C O'Dwyer	61
4	303-	DANJING 25F (G) M Pipe 4-10-9	J Osborne	84
5	13P-	KARSHI 203 (G) Miss H Knight 6-10-9	J F Titley	◉

6-4 Mandys Mantino, 5-2 Karshi, 3-1 Little Buck, 6-1 Danjing, 10-1 Djais

2.50 HALLOWE'EN NOVICES CHASE
(£3,899: 2m 4f) (7)

1	02/	COURT MASTER 581 R Buckler 8-11-3	B Powell	–
2	440-	FELLOO 226 T George 7-11-3	J F Titley	–
3	215-	MACGEORGE 207 (S) R Lee 6-11-3	P McLoughlin	–
4	102-	MADISON COUNTY 204 (G,S) P Hobbs 6-11-3	M A Fitzgerald	–
5	/11-	REDEEMYOURSELF 347 (G,S) J Gifford 7-11-3	P Hide	–
6	P0/	SCORPION BAY 720 D Brench Davis 8-11-3	P Holley	–
7	4313	SCAMALLACH 15 (B,F) J Jenkins 6-10-12	G Bradley	–

6-4 Redeemyourself, 5-2 Madison County, 5-1 Macgeorge, 7-1 Court Master, 14-1 Scamallach, 16-1 Felloo, 20-1 Scorpion Bay

3.20 JOHN HUGO GWYNNE 50TH BUSINESS YEAR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,396: 2m 1f) (5)

1	1-21	SUPER TACTICS 25 (G,S) R Alner 8-12-0	P Henley	91
2	63-4	NORTHERN SADDLER 4 (F,G,S) R Hodges 9-12-0	T Dascombe	95
3	P-3	HIGH ALLTITUDE 385 (G,S) M Heaton-Ellis 6-10-11	D Forti	89
4	1/1	MERRY PANTO 30 (F,G) C Brooks 7-10-4	M Berry (3)	90
5	F2-P	WHIPPERS DELIGHT 9 (G,S) G Charles-Jones 8-10-0	D Walsh	◉

6-4 Super Tactics, 9-4 Merry Panto, 3-1 Northern Saddler, 8-1 High Alltitude, 10-1 Whippers Delight

3.50 COLD ASH NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,765: 3m 110yd) (9)

1	1241	RIVER ROOM 4 (F,G) K Bailey 6-12-5 (6ex)	W Walsh (7)	99
2	F11-	PERCY THROWER 187 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-12-0	D Walsh (3)	88
3	002-	SPACEAGE GOLD 208 J Old 7-11-8	G Upton	92
4	231	CANTON VENTURE 14 (F) S Woods 4-11-6	P Hide	91
5	1344	CHINA MAIL 37 (D,BF,F) J Bennett 4-10-12	L Harvey	98
6	32-1	CLOD HOPPER 11 (F) W Muir 6-10-0	B Powell	◉
7	F-01	QUEEN'S AWARD 12 (G) R Buckler 7-10-0	M Griffiths (7)	93
8	6300	COOLEGALE 14 (B) L Wells 10-10-0	D Slattery (7)	81
9	-406	BITE THE BULLET 21 A Chamberlain 5-10-0	O Burrows (7)	83

3-1 Percy Thrower, 7-2 River Room, 4-1 Spaceage Gold, 5-1 Canton Venture, Clod Hopper, 7-1 Queen's Award, 16-1 China Mail, 20-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 26 winners from 102 rides, 25.5%; O Sherwood, 14 from 57, 24.6%; N Henderson, 19 from 85, 22.4%; A Turnell, 9 from 42, 21.4%; Mrs J Pitman, 8 from 46, 17.4%; R Alner, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 34 winners from 130 rides, 26.2%; P Holley, 13 from 62, 21.0%; W Marston, 9 from 46, 19.6%; J Tilley, 3 from 22, 13.6%; M A Fitzgerald, 10 from 85, 11.8%; P Hide, 5 from 47, 10.6%.

Blinkered first time

KELSO: 3.40 Whirlwind Romance. WORCESTER: 2.00 Mouse Bird

KELSO

THUNDERER
1.10 Monyman. 1.40 Teacher. 2.10 Trickle Lad. 2.40 Common Sound. 3.10 Bas De Laine. 3.40 Tweedswood.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.10 SCOTTISH SPORTS AID FOUNDATION NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,048: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

1	6-22	TWIN FALLS 13 (BF,G) G Moore 5-12-0	J Callaghan
2	62-5	MONYMAN 17 (F) M Hammond 6-11-13	R Garritty
3	2012	BALLYLINE 5 (BF,G) W Kemp 5-11-7	M Dwyer
4	/5-U	MONAUGHTY MAN 9 (S) E Caine 10-11-6	Mr P Murray
5	-P12	LE DENSTAN 13 (F) Mrs D Thomson 9-11-5	T Reed
6	0-P5	ALICHARGER 11 P Monteith 6-10-0	G Cahill (3)
7	2465	QUIXALL CROSSETT 9 E Caine 11-10-0	S Taylor (5)

9-4 Ballyline, 3-1 Le Denstan, Twin Falls, 5-1 Monyman, 20-1 Alicharger, 25-1 Monaughty Man, Quixall Crossett

1.40 SCOTDISC LINE DANCER NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,388: 2m 110yd) (10)

1	-123	MITHRAIC 11 (D,F) W Cunningham 4-11-5	L McGrath (7)
2	532-	CALLERNISH DAN 201 M Todhunter 6-10-12	M Dwyer
3	01-5	DEL PIERO 139 (G) M Hammond 5-10-12	R Garritty
4	30-3	LEPTON 18 (G) J Curtis 5-10-12	L Wyer
5	/0	NOBLE MONARCH 9 J Johnson 7-10-12	N Williamson
6	0	REGAL DOMAIN 18 Mrs L Marshall 5-10-12	D Bentley
7	2	TEACHER 25 R Allan 6-10-12	B Harding
8	20-5	KILNAMARTYRA GIRL 18 J Parkes 6-10-7	P Niven
9	0	LUMBACK LADY 25 B Mactaggart 6-10-7	G Lee (3)
10	0P0-	MY MISSILE 168 R Cockburn 6-10-7	L O'Hara

9-4 Mithraic, 3-1 Teacher, 5-1 Callernish Dan, Del Piero, 10-1 Lepton, Kilnamartyra Girl, 14-1 Noble Monarch, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Goodfellow, 13 winners from 46 runners, 28.3%; G Richards, 22 from 98, 22.4%; M Hammond, 19 from 87, 21.8%; G Moore, 12 from 55, 21.8%; J Johnson, 13 from 67, 19.4%; A Whillans, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: J Callaghan, 11 winners from 51 rides, 21.6%; M Moloney, 13 from 63, 20.6%; R Garritty, 6 from 33, 18.2%; B Storey, 22 from 150, 14.7%; L Wyer, 10 from 71, 14.1%; B Harding, 7 from 55, 12.7%.

2.10 ASHLEYBANK INVESTMENTS REG TWEEDIE NOVICES CHASE (£4,182: 3m 1f) (7)

1	1110	TIGHTER BUDGET 11 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs D Sayer 9-12-4	M Moloney
2	50-1	SEEKING GOLD 11 (CD,F) J Barclay 7-11-1	B Storey
3	4-55	COOL WEATHER 11 P Cheesbrough 6-11-0	R Supple
4	212/	SPRINGHILL QUAY 589P (G) G Richards 7-11-0	B Harding
5	0SP-	STRONGALONG 170 P Cheesbrough 6-11-0	T Reed
6	F234	TOUGH TEST 43 (F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 6-11-0	G Cahill (3)
7	00-3	TRICKLE LAD 9 (BF,F,G,S) F Murphy 7-11-0	N Williamson

2-1 Seeking Gold, 5-2 Tighter Budget, 7-2 Trickle Lad, 8-1 Cool Weather, Springhill Quay, 16-1 Strongalong, 20-1 Tough Test

2.40 GLENMUIR SPORTSWEAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,736: 2m 2f) (5)

1	132-	COMMON SOUND 202 (S) J Barclay 5-11-10	M Dwyer
2	1251	FIELD OF VISION 18 (F,G) Mrs A Swinbank 6-10-8	J Supple
3	020-	STASH THE CASH 172 (CD,G,S) M Hammond 5-10-2	R Garritty
4	4155	WELL APPOINTED 11 (F) B Mactaggart 7-10-1	G Lee (3)
5	1-22	ADAMATIC 13 (BF,F) R Allan 5-10-0	L Wyer

5-4 Common Sound, 7-2 Field Of Vision, 4-1 Adamatic, 6-1 Stash The Cash, 8-1 Well Appointed

3.10 TAVERN MIDDLEMAS HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,158: 2m 6f 110yd) (5)

1	21-4	FIVELEIGH BUILDS 17 (F,G,S) Miss L Russell 9-11-12	G Cahill (3)
2	2-14	EARLYMORNING LIGHT 67 (BF,F,G) G Richards 7-11-3	B Harding
3	08-3	STRONG DEEL 9 (F,G,S) F Murphy 8-11-3	N Williamson
4	-413	BAS DE LAINE 11 (C,BF,F,G) M Hammond 10-10-13	R Garritty
5	-421	DARK OAK 18 (F,G,S) J Curtis 10-10-11	L Wyer

6-4 Bas De Laine, 3-1 Dark Oak, 7-2 Fiveleigh Builds, 5-1 Strong Deel, 6-1 Earlymorning Light

3.40 LANGHOLM DYEING COMPANY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,584: 2m 6f 110yd) (9)

1	532-	TWEEDSWOOD 189 P Beaumont 6-12-0	B Grattan (7)
2	P/6	NOGRAN 11 A Whillans 5-11-0	B Harding
3	545-	CASH BOX 169 T Carr 6-10-12	N Smith
4	46-2	MOVIE MAN 17 J Turner 4-10-11	T Reed
5	4FF-	KASTRAMA 263 M Hammond 5-10-9	R Garritty
6	00-6	TARTAN MIX 17 J Moore 5-10-7	J Supple
7	PP04	WHIRLWIND ROMANCE 11 (B) W Kemp 5-10-0	S McDougall
8	00-P	ELLIOTT'S WISH 17 J Johnson 5-10-0	N Williamson
9	00-0	CLEVER BOY 11 J Curtis 5-10-0	L Wyer

9-4 Tweedswood, 7-2 Whirlwind Romance, 4-1 Movie Man, 5-1 Nogran, 7-1 Kastrama, 8-1 Cash Box, 12-1 Tartan Mix, 20-1 others

Big Matt in demand for Murphy's

BIG MATT, trained by Nicky Henderson, has joined Challenger Du Luc at the head of Ladbrokes's betting on the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday. The eight-year-old, second to Storm Alert at Ascot on his reappearance, is 5-1 joint-favourite, from 11-2. The company also trimmed the Irish challenger, Anabatic, from 9-1 to 8-1.

"Big Matt is the only horse that has been seriously supported today," Ladbrokes's spokesman, Ian Wassell, said. "On last year's run in the Mackeson his chance is obvious."

Coral and William Hill have cut the Gordon Richards-trained Addington Boy from 8-1 to 7-1, but William Hill extended Anabatic to 8-1 from 7-1.

Flying Scot ready for take-off with the stars

David Powell talks to Ian Mackie about life as the new No 1 of British sprinting

It was a day which illustrated perfectly the single-mindedness of Ian Mackie. The wind blew cold. grey skies hung over the Cardiff Athletic Stadium and there was rain in the air. Mackie was sniffing with a winter chill, his watery eyes crying for a sick note to take the day off training. But Mackie trained on.

If only the workmen on the building site who scoffed at him six years ago could see him now. Friends in high places, bags packed ready for five weeks' training in Australia, photoshoots, children knocking at his door asking for his autograph.

He wishes the workmen from the Dunfermline roof tiling business, where he was employed as a 15-year-old straight out of school, would knock too. "I would really like to see them again, just to say: 'What do you think now? You laughed in my face.' When I told them I was going to do athletics, they just laughed."

Mackie gave up the job after his first week and never worked again, determined to prove that he could be a successful athlete, often reminding himself of what life might hold if he failed. "That week really toughened me up," Mackie, now 21, said. "It made me think twice about how hard life can be."

If becoming the first British athlete for a decade to beat Linford Christie over 100 metres in August was his week in heaven, his roof-tiling job was his week in hell. "I was lifting heavy tiles, sometimes with a 45-foot drop to the ground," Mackie said. "They were getting me to carry big rolls of felt and bags of cement. I was just 15 and they got me to do it because I was the apprentice."

Once, when a tractor ran into scaffolding on which Mackie was perched, he avoided a 40-foot fall only by an instinctive hand thrown out to grip a saving wall. "I thought: 'I'm just going to get injured,'" Mackie recalled.

Consumed by a passion to follow Christie to the top of world sprinting, he left. For five years, he survived on the support of his parents — his father is a storeman, his mother a cleaner — and income support, and, 12 months ago, remaining a full-time athlete looked as shaky as his footing on the scaffolding.

"I had just got back into training after recovering from an inflamed muscle," he said. "I was unemployed, money was tight, and mum and dad were saying: 'You should be getting a job because you've been injured this season and nothing has happened.'

"My mum and dad were concerned for my future. They were saying: 'You cannot sign on unemployed for the rest of your life.'"

Recovery from injury, an Olympic semi-final place, a personal best of 10.17 seconds, and, above all, downing Christie has reversed his fortunes.

Mackie has been recruited by the management agency owned by Christie and Colin Jackson. He has on tap the experience and advice that they can bring. They are financing his training in Australia, for which he leaves tomorrow, and will be there with him. As he builds up to the 1997 world championships, Mackie will also train in the company of Frankie Fredericks and Merlene Ottey.

"I have been thrown into a world of world-class athletics," Mackie said after his first training session with Jackson. "Last year, I was watching Colin, Linford and Frankie on TV and, all of a sudden, I am with them. It is hard to describe what it feels like."

Now that Christie has retired, Mackie may succeed him as European champion in 1998. In the meantime, the Scot is looking to reach the world championship final in Athens but is well aware that he cannot take being the British No 1 for granted. Darren Campbell also ran 10.17 last summer and he, too, is training under Jackson and Christie. Mackie and Campbell will be together in Australia.

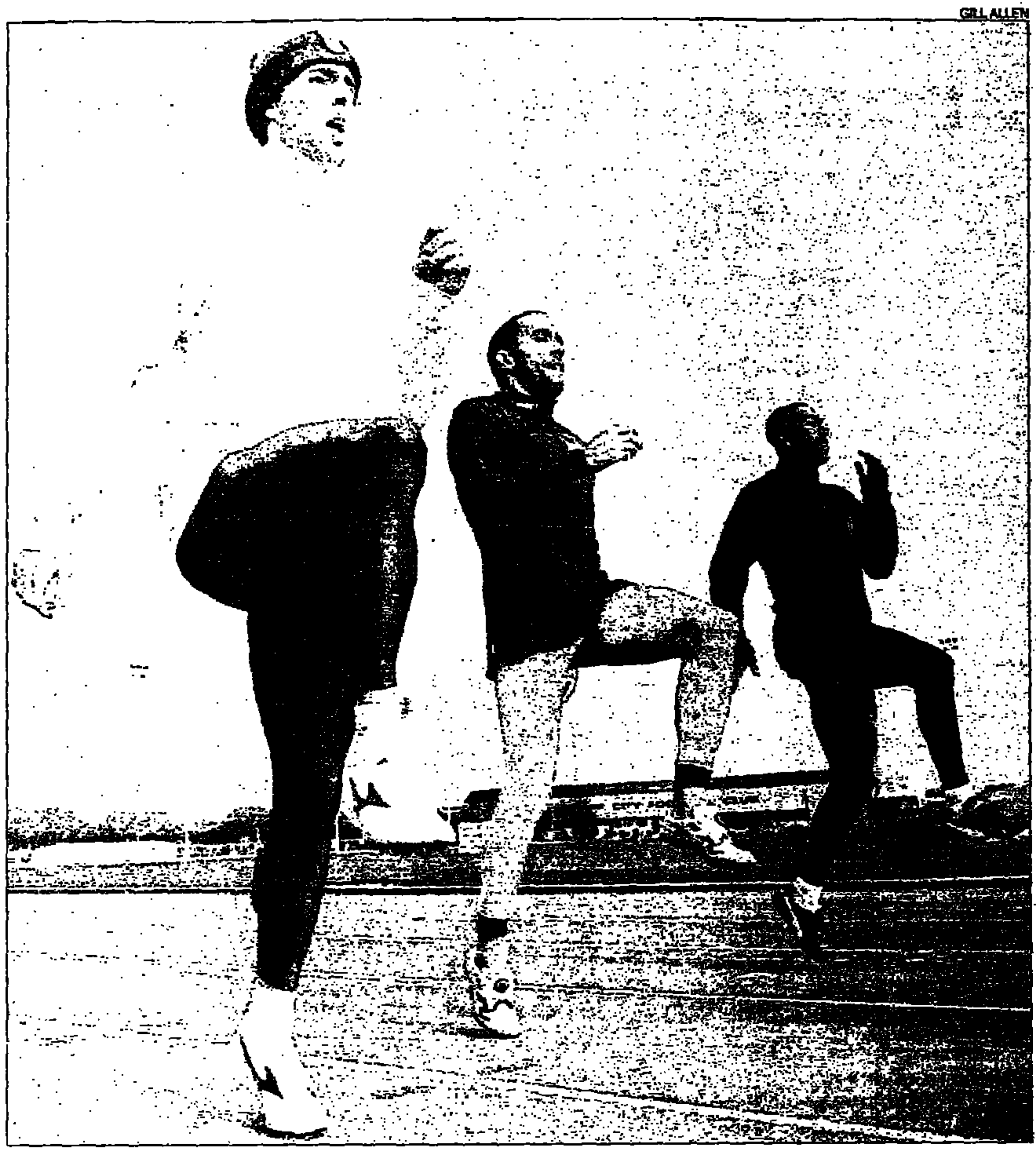
"I believe those two will definitely go under 10.1 this year and, in good conditions, I am sure they can both duck a 9.9," Jackson said. "It is good we will be working together," Mackie added. "We will bring each other on."

When Jackson spoke to Mackie about joining his agency, he was impressed. "I saw similarities in his approach as a 21 year-old as my approach at the same age," Jackson said. "It was just the importance of track in the life of somebody so young. He wanted to do well, he trained hard. I thought: This guy can make it."

Making it was Mackie's dream since the day that he was taken to watch Christie. "I had done athletics but I was not into it deep," Mackie recalled. "At the time I was also doing karate. I did not know what I wanted.

"I had this opportunity to get Linford's autograph. It made my day. That night it just clicked that this was what I wanted to do. I wanted to be like Linford." So far so good, but the hardest part — Olympic champion, world champion — lies far ahead.

GILL ALLEN



Mackie, left, and Jackson, right, train together for the first time in Cardiff yesterday ahead of five weeks in Australia

BADMINTON

Bradbury expecting to return

JULIE BRADBURY, the most successful England player of the past two years, may not play at the highest level again (Richard Eaton writes). Bradbury, who was runner-up in the All-England Championships and the World Grand Prix finals in mixed doubles, and won the Malaysian open women's doubles last season, is expecting a baby.

The Oxfordshire player has withdrawn from the six-match series against China, starting at Exeter today, and will not play again until next summer, by which time she will be 30. Bradbury hopes to return to the England squad, but there are no mothers competing at the highest level on the world circuit and after a season out of the game it would be asking a great deal for her to return to her former standard.

England, who beat China for the first time in a series last year, will give a mixed doubles debut to Lorraine Cole, of Worcestershire, who will partner Julian Robertson. They also include the two most experienced singles players, Darren Hall, the former European champion, and Joanne Muggeridge, and two promising young doubles partnerships, Ian Pearson and James Anderson, and Joanne Davies and Nichola Beck.

China, holders of the world team title, have a young squad and should provide a stern test for an England team under the auspices of Steve Baddeley, the director of elite play.

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IN BRIEF

Challenge Cup entry is doubled

THE number of amateur rugby league clubs in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup is being doubled to a record 72 in the competition's centenary year (Christopher Irvine writes). West Hull created history last season by reaching the last 16.

The 36 National Conference League teams will have home advantage in the first round, on December 21 and 22, against leading sides from the regional leagues and two Southern Counties League representatives, London Colonials and the Student Rugby League Old Boys. The final is at Wembley on May 3.

Leeds are to follow the newly-named Wigan Warriors in adding a nickname to their title and are asking supporters for ideas.

Wigan have abandoned, on cost grounds, plans to play two matches against Auckland Warriors in New Zealand in Janaury. The club will next month present shareholders with options, including the sale of Central Park and a ground-sharing arrangement with Wigan Athletic Football Club.

Indoor first

Bowls: Andy Wills and Stuart Airey, of England, won Asia's first indoor tournament when they partnered K T Wong, a member of the Hong Kong Football Club, to the international indoor triples title at the Happy Valley race course in Hong Kong yesterday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Wills, 26, and Airey, 24, play regularly for England at the front end of Tony Allcock's rink, and in the Allcock mould are quick to attack when adverse positions develop.

Their flair helped them to defeat a Welsh pair, Robert Price and David Wilkins, who were joined by another local footballer, Philip Chan, 20-10, in the final.

Bath to tour

Rugby Union: Bath, the English cup and league champions, are planning a two-match tour of South Africa next summer. They hope to play Natal, the Currie Cup champions, in Durban and Western Province at Newlands, Cape Town, scene of England's World Cup semi-final defeat by New Zealand last year.

MOTOR RACING

Alesi holds departure talks with Benetton

By Oliver Holt

JEAN ALESI, the French Formula One driver, who survived a bid to oust him from the Benetton team in favour of Damon Hill at the end of last season, could still be forced out before the start of next season and replaced by the Italian driver, Giancarlo Fisichella.

Alesi and Flavio Briatore, the Benetton managing director, held an urgent meeting at the team's headquarters at Enstone, Oxfordshire, on Monday to discuss his future in light of the reduced revenue that the team can expect from sponsors because of its moderate performances last year.

Alesi and Gerhard Berger, his Austrian team-mate, failed to record a victory between them in 1996 after the feast of triumphs brought by Michael Schumacher in the previous two years. The drought is thought to have cost Benetton several million pounds in their performance-related deal with their main sponsors, Mild Seven, the Japanese tobacco company.

A mixture of bad luck and bad judgment cost Alesi and Berger the chance of victory throughout the season. Alesi would have won the Monaco Grand Prix in May but for mechanical problems, and Berger was two laps from victory in Germany in July when his engine blew.

Against that, Alesi's rash style infuriated a team used to the metronomic performances of Schumacher and prompted season-long speculation that he would be off-loaded. Another blow for Benetton came when Ferrari edged them out of second place in the constructors' championship that they had won the year before, costing them several million pounds more.

Berger is thought to have a water-tight contract, but although Alesi is keen to stay at Benetton, they might not be able to afford him. The Jordan team, who missed out to Arrows in the race for Hill and who still have a vacant seat alongside Ralf Schumacher, are waiting in the wings.

☐ Ferrari have broken off talks with Sauber over supplying engine technology to the Swiss-based Formula One team because details were leaked to the press.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

OPHELIMITY

(b) The primary meaning is "the ability to please sexually". But there is also a secondary meaning, "the ability to please generally".

DIAMANTIFEROUS

(a) Yielding diamonds. From the Latin. "I don't care what you say — I still prefer Daniel. Anatole may be younger and more handsome, and unmarried, for that matter, so he says. But Daniel is diamantiferous."

ATAXY

(c) Disturbance of bodily functions, especially of movement. From the Greek for "without movement". It is pronounced exactly the same as "a taxi".

RAMPALLION

(a) A bold, romping, forward, froward or wanton woman. A woman who romps. An Elizabethan term. Sir Falstaff to Mistress Quickly, when she tries to have him arrested: "Away, you scullion: you fustilarian! I'll tickle your catastrophe." *(Henry IV, Part II, Act II, Scene I.)* **In modern use you could try: "Mother, may I have a rampallion for my birthday?"**

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RADIO CHOICE

Unmasking of Louisa May

Sensational Women. *Radio 4 (FM) 10.00am.*

The recent discovery of the manuscript for *The Chase*, a dark novel that had lain forgotten for a century, gave many of us a bit of a shock. Could this really be by the same Louisa May Alcott fondly remembered for *Little Women*, that testament to enduring family values, and its sequels? It was. *The Chase* wasn't the only novel to reveal the other side of her literary talent. *Sensational Women*, the last sort of title we would once have imagined could have anything to do with the retiring and selfless Louisa May, digs up other long-forgotten novels such as her *Behind a Mask* in which a children's governess turns out to be a con-artist — and, what's more, gets away with it. We hear excerpts from it this morning.

Hearing with Hegley. *Radio 4. 11.15pm.*

Last week, tuning in for the first time to John Hegley, described in *Radio Times* as the poet laureate of alternative comedy, I kept on deciding to turn him off, then changing my mind. I confess that most alternative comedy makes me wince, either because it is puerile or because it sickens me when, according to the rules of comedy, I should be laughing my head off, like his audience. Nothing daunted, I tuned in to tonight's edition. I do not care for his poem about condoms, but much admire his miniature verse called *Amen*. I congratulate him for his ingenuity in finding a rhyme for furniture. Hegley is growing on me.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo, includes the Golden Hour **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, includes at **12.30pm-12.45** Newsbeat and at **1.45** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, includes at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **10.00** Stuart Maconie, live from Manchester **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren, with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Judi Spiers **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman **7.00** Jim Lloyd **8.00** Cajun Clubhouse **8.30** Burland's True Grit (2/3) **9.00** Tommy Makem's Irish Music (1/5) **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55**, **7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sports Bulletin **7.35** Trevor Brooking's Football Night. Liverpool v Charlton, at Anfield; Arsenal v Stoke at Highbury and Coventry v Gillingham at Highfield Road **10.05** The Baker Line **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours, with John Diamond **2.05** Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT** News on the hour
5.30am Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Discovery **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Andy Kershaw **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Pick of the World **12.05pm** World Business Report **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Composer of the Month **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Megamix **3.05** Sports Roundup **3.15** Concert Hall **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sports Roundup **6.30** Discovery **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** Meridian On Screen **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.10** Science View **11.15** Country Style **11.30** Multitrack **12.30am** From Our Own Correspondent **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Assignment **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Meridian Books **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto: Ibert (Flute Concerto) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Gardening Forum (r) **8.00** Evening Concert. Ginastera (Estancia, Op8a, Harp Concerto, Op 25), Castelnuovo-Tedesco (Guitar Concerto No 1 in D, Op 99), Faure (Dolly Suite); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes William Lawes (Royal Consort No 6 in D); Quilter (Children's Overture)
9.00 Morning Collection. With Peter Hobday, includes Lotti (Crucifixus); Stravinsky (Violin Concerto)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes *Stravinsky* (Praeludium); Martinu (Concerto Grosso); Borodin (Symphony No 2 in E minor)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Cherubini and Spontini. Graham Fawcett unearths *some forgotten jewels from* Cherubini's career in the *French capital including Ahi! che forse ai miei di; Overture, Les deux journees; and Etude No 2 for French horn and strings*
1.00pm News; Concert Hall. Live from the Wigmore Hall, *London, the final* concert of the autumn season. Chantal Juillet, violin, David Owen Norris, piano. Stravinsky (Suite Italienne); Janacek (Sonata); Schulhoff (Sonata No 2)
2.00 Midweek Choice. Includes Vaughan Williams (Three *Shakespeare Songs*); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in D *minor*, Op 31 No 2); Elgar (Nursery Suite)
4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Salisbury Cathedral with director of music Richard Seal and organist David Halls
5.00 The Music Machine. At the *Manhattan School of Music* Natalie Wheen finds out from Wynton Marsalis *how to form* a jazz ensemble
5.15 In Tune. *Songs of Innocence and of Experience*, a work by *William Bolcom based* on poems by William Blake, will have its British premiere on Sunday. Anthony Burton looks ahead to the event with Bolcom and his wife the singer Joan Morris
7.30 A Grand, Mysterious Harmony. The seventh of *fourteen programmes* exploring the symphonic legacy of Anton Bruckner. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales conducted by Tadaaki Otaka performs No 4 in E flat, one of the composer's most popular symphonies
9.10 Grains of Sand. Martin Buckley *investigates how* writers from Marvell and Milton to Borges and Beckett have used deserts as symbols of nobility and as metaphors for inner emptiness and urban or post-apocalyptic wastelands
9.35 On This Island. Peter Pears *and Benjamin Britten perform* Britten's song-cycle to poems by W.H. Auden and songs by Schubert (r)
10.00 Voices. Geoffrey Smith discusses Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday and other jazz legends
10.45 Night Waves. Tony Palmer *talks to American art and* cultural critic Robert Hughes *whose series American Visions* is currently tracing the history of American *identity* through the visual arts on BBC2
11.30 Composer of the Week: Percy Grainger. Explores *Grainger* the rebel and experimenter (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes
1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.40** *Yesterday in Parliament* **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves and guests
10.00 News; Sensational Women (FM). See Choice (3/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour. *Presented* by Jenni Murray
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Eric Robson (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours. With Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Colvil and Soames. Written by Christopher Lee. Starring Christopher Benjamin and *Amanda Redman* (5/6) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Sheena MacDonald
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Sons of Molly, by John P. Rooney. With Des McAleer, Andrew Connolly and Ian McElhinney (2/3)
2.45 Treasure Islands, with *Michael Rosen*. Jill Burridge traces the impact of writers and poets working with children in schools
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambaccini reviews the week's film releases, including *The First Wives' Club*, starring Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn and Diane Keaton
4.45 Short Story: The Greengage Tree. By Roger Frith. Read by Neville Jason
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Quote Unquote. The quotations quiz hosted by Nigel Rees. With Jon Glover, *Derek Parker* and *Times* columnist Matthew Parris. *Quotations read by* William Franklyn (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Milestones. Lesley Riddoch's discussion programme about landmarks in post-war British social history looks at Billy *Graham's* crusade in 1954
8.20 Going Back. The first of three *programmes in* which people re-visit places that have profoundly *influenced* their lives. Mavis Bacca returns to Barcelona, where *she lived in* the early 1940s (1/3) (r)
9.00 Costing the Earth. Presented by Mark Whittaker
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with *Isabel* Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lady Chatterley's Confessions. Elaine Feinstein's sequel to the D.H. Lawrence novel (3/10)
11.00 The Shuttleworths: *Mini-Break in Giggleswick*, by Graham Fellows (r)
11.15 Hearing with Hegley. See Choice
11.30 Trust (FM), by Wendy Lee. With Margi Clarke, Keith Allen and Nerys Hughes (2/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Shipping News. By E. Annie Proulx (3/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast
1.00 As World Service

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No delight in the victorious kitchen garden

Delight is a word much overused by television critics, but it would be silly to pretend that it doesn't have its uses. It is one up from "charming", perfect for describing those artfully made but easily watched programmes that send us to bed with a smile, and the nearest we get to the one-word accolades of the theatre poster. So there I was, all ready to write of **Going to Chelsea** (ITV) — " a delight" (*The Times*). Then I watched it.

Disappointment, it must be said, took some time to set in. Indeed for the first 20 minutes, last night's fly-on-the-trellis look at the Chelsea Flower Show appeared a copper-bottomed delight. Amusing characters, jolly music and a positive surfeit of stylish photography — dogs trotting after cars, elderly gentleman cycling into the middle distance, you know the kind of thing. A delight, no doubt about it.

But then, rather like the delphiniums so crucial to Stephen Woodhams's blue-and-orange kitchen garden, it wilted. Somebody — I still can't work out who it was — lost interest. It may have been Michael Davies, the director, who, as the opening day grew closer, curiously seemed to have less and less to show us. Or it may have been Woodhams, whose enthusiasm appeared to fade the nearer his beautifully drawn planting plans came to reality. Alternatively, I suppose it could have been me. Never been a great one for gardening.

I am, however, a great one for documentaries and this one, despite the wonderfully promising subject, goes down as a near miss. Loose ends, for instance, went worryingly untied with all sorts of horticultural crises unresolved by the final credits. Did the Italian wistaria go back? Did the willow stems grow around the window frame? And most importantly of all, did Mrs Woodhams allow her son to dig up her prized rhubarb? Since one of the reasons the garden was awarded a silver medal rather than a gold was "not enough vegetables", I presume the answer to that final question was no.

Come the big day, nothing quite worked as Davies would surely have liked it. Woodhams overslept, the weather was horrible and the garden, I regret to say, looked a tad unremarkable, especially given the £50,000 outlay. An apparent lack of blue suggested that money can't buy you love — or unwilted delphiniums. A weary Woodhams never did tell us what he thought of the finished product but resolved never to work with vegetables again. Or camera crews, I imagine.

Delight is too strong a word to describe **University Challenge** (BBC2) but it is certainly fun, with

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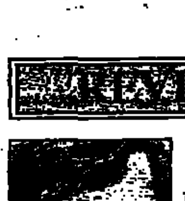

Matthew Bond

Jeremy Paxman now firmly and enjoyably established in the chairman's seat. Last night's opening game between Imperial College, the reigning champions, and Paxman's old college, St Catharine's, Cambridge, was a thriller, with Imperial coming back from dead-and-buried to level at the gong. At the start, Paxman had promised Catz (his abbreviation, not mine) no favours but he did at least ensure that the tie-breaker was an arts question. "The girl with enamel eyes is the subtitle of which ballet by Delibes?" I hadn't a clue but Mr Amos, the star of the St Catharine's team, did. "Was it *Coppelia*?" It was.

Which brings me to an important point. How many *University Challenge* questions should a reasonably educated person be able to answer? Starters for ten to which the answer is "Captain Pugwash" certainly lure you into a false sense of security — but just when you're thinking "easy-peasy, lemon-squeezy", along comes a beautifully constructed bonus involving olivine, the Olive Tree Alliance and the Mount of Olives. I haven't counted but I reckon that anything close to 50 per cent is probably pretty good going.

It must be some sort of defining moment when you realise you have become the answer to a quiz question. So something of a red-letter day for Paul Hardcastle yesterday, whose mid-1980s hit (N-n-n-n-) *Nineteen* was the answer to both a *University Challenge* question (Imperial got that one, then spoilt the effect by suggesting Janis Ian learnt the truth at 16) and to what passed for a question on the extraordinary **Never Mind the Buzzcocks** (BBC2).

"Which one of our Paul Hardcastle identity parade is the real Paul Hardcastle?" asked questionmaster Mark Lamarr. "Is it number two?" shouted somebody, forgetting that the idea is not to be right but funny. It was. "N-n-n-n-nineteen," went everybody. My, how we laughed.

What *Have I Got News for You* has done for news and *They Think It's All Over* has done for sport, *Never Mind the Buzzcocks* now plans to do for pop music and probably will. The formula is familiar. Take two comedians, four pop stars and a generous helping of pre-written ad-libs on the Autocue and there you have it. Or rather, there you have it once you have remembered whatever the magic ingredient is that gets the contestants in the state of frenzied high excitement they were in for last night's opener. Whatever it is, I don't want any.

Earlier, BBC2's new series about the British legal system, **The Verdict**, had got off to an interesting but hardly mould-breaking start when it looked at the tricks barristers play during cross-examination.

So it was that we learnt about the no-win question ("when did you stop beating your wife?"), the unexpected opening gambit ("are you now or have you ever been a practising television critic?") and above all, the importance of always having George Carman, QC, on your side.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (72416)

7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceefax) (36874)

9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceefax) (6347787)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (1474394)

9.45 KILROY (s) (8933868)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (s) (12619)

11.00 NEWS; REGIONAL NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (2719481)

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (s) (4337400)

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (s) (6154752)

12.00 NEWS; REGIONAL NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (4070481)

12.05pm POLICE RESCUE (s) (2797226)

12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (51117874)

1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (39961)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (14339110)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (24240110)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (3936) **2.30 A WEEK IN THE COUNTRY** (s) (110) **3.00 INCOGNITO** (5771)

3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PANTS (8324955) **3.50 CHUCKLEVISION** (8417619) **4.10 GET YOUR OWN BACK** (5817058) **4.35 THE QUEEN'S NOSE** (1985955) **5.00 NEWSROUND** (6430665) **5.10 BLUE PETER** (Ceefax) (2552665)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (826139)

6.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (139)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (619)

7.00 SMALL TALK Presented by Ronnie Corbett (Ceefax) (s) (7752)

7.30 HERE AND NOW *Sue Lawley and the* team present news stories and items of interest (Ceefax) (s) (503)

8.00 HOW DO THEY DO THAT? Revealing how police cameras catch speeding *motorists and how one man can tame a* wild and terrified horse in a matter of minutes (Ceefax) (s) (152684)

8.50 POINTS OF VIEW Presented by Anne Robinson (Ceefax) (s) (283936)

9.00 NEWS *(Ceefax)* **REGIONAL NEWS** *and* weather (9145)

9.30 THE X FILES: Syzygy Mulder and Scully investigate rumours of a satanic cult operating in an area where several teenagers have died. With David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson (Ceefax) (s) (792348)

10.15 HARRY ENFIELD AND CHUMS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (148232) **WALES: Kane's Wales 11.15 FILM: National Lampoon's European Vacation 12.45am FILM: Necessary Roughness 2.30 News headlines and weather**

10.45 FILM: National Lampoon's European Vacation (1985) with Chevy Chase. The accident-prone Griswald family win a European holiday on an American television quiz show. Directed by Amy Heckerling (513077)

12.15am FILM: Necessary Roughness (1992) with Scott Bakula. After sacking their old football team, Texas State University hire a coach to assemble a new one. Directed by Stan Dragoti (252240)

2.00 WEATHER *(7198462)*

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BBC2

6.00am O U: POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT (5717684) **6.50 WORLD OF THE DRAGON** (9233936) **7.15 SEE HEAR *BREAKFAST NEWS* 7.30 PERILS OF PENELOPE PITSTOP** (4106503) **7.55 IT'LL NEVER WORK** (r) (Ceefax) (7561597) **8.20 CHRISTOPHER CROCODILE** (r) (8988313) **8.25 MONTY** (r) (5866023) **8.35 RECORD** (s) (6947416) **9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: LE CAFE DES REVES** (1485400) **9.25 SEE YOU, SEE ME** (6251936) **9.45 WORDS AND PICTURES** (5386972) **10.00 PLAYDAYS** (24597) **10.30 NUMBERTIME** (3977058) **10.45 CATS' EYES** (3892313) **11.00 AROUND SCOTLAND** (5328752) **11.20 MUSIC MAKERS** (7161416) **11.40 ENGLISH EXPRESS** (6240503) **12.00 GERMAN GLOBO** (4078023) **12.05 SEEING THROUGH SCIENCE** (4952868) **12.30pm WORKING LUNCH** (59684) **1.00 THE GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMME** (41941431) **1.20 THUNDERBIRDS IN HINDI** (48021868) **1.25 ZIG ZAG** (97240428) **1.45 COME OUTSIDE** (14429787) **2.00 CHRISTOPHER CROCODILE** (r) (46659400) **2.05 MONTY** (r) (46658771) **2.10 THE CHAMPIONS** (r) (Ceefax) (5846874) **3.00 NEWS 3.05 WESTMINSTER** (Ceefax) (6681394) **3.55 NEWS 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY** (s) (232) **4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK** (s) (416) **5.00 OPRAH WINFREY SHOW** (Ceefax) (s) (9293400) **5.40 MARY BERRY AT HOME** (s) (615110) **5.55 TURNING POINTS** (543955)

6.00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION (r) (Ceefax) (s) (357416)

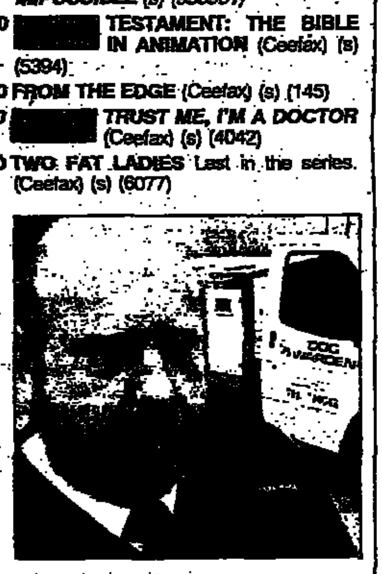
6.45 TREV AND SIMON'S TRANSMISSION IMPOSSIBLE (s) (950961)

7.00 TESTAMENT: THE BIBLE IN ANIMATION (Ceefax) (s) (5394)

7.30 FROM THE EDGE (Ceefax) (s) (145)

8.00 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR (Ceefax) (s) (4042)

8.30 TWO FAT LADIES Last in the series. (Ceefax) (s) (6077)



Dog warden Trevor Cook (9.00pm)

9.00 MODERN TIMES: Dog Trouble (Ceefax) (s) (424874)

9.50 NAKED CITY: The Day of Reckoning (Ceefax) (s) (139400)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT (990868)

11.15 SOHO STORIES (671961)

12.00 MIDNIGHT HOUR (s) (25288)

12.30am THE LEARNING ZONE: O U: OPEN ADVICE (94820) **1.00 IMAGINING NEW WORLDS** (16199) **1.30 WHO BELONGS TO GLASGOW?** (42646) **2.00 TOPICS FOR TUTORIALS** (92207) **4.00 ENGLISH HERITAGE** (93849) **4.30 MODERN APPRENTICESHIPS** (17462) **5.00 HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK** (60066) **5.30 ADVISER** (26917)

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Testament: The Bible in Animation

BBC2, 7.00pm

A bit of artistic licence has been allowed in this segment of the Russian-animated Bible stories. Writer Nigel Forde has decided to lump the stories of *The Creation* and *The Flood* into one so that the origin of all being is transformed into a little tale Noah tells to *while away the occasional rainy afternoon.* Gorgeous though it is to look at, especially the oil-on-glass sequences in Eden, both stories lose a little of their impact by being thus combined. *The Creation* survives by sheer poetic breadth and visual lushness, with any hint of misogyny in the original neatly glossed over. Adam and Eve were made at the same moment and both get the blame for original sin. Lucifer, voiced by Ciaran Hinds, is a marvel of meanness and vaulting ambition, while Noah (Joss Ackland) is a man with a funny nose. The Devil always gets the best tunes.

Trust Me, I'm A Doctor

BBC2, 8.00pm

While many of us may suspect our doctors are comedians in white coats, Phil Hammond actually is. A GP and a stand-up comic, he combines the two superbly in this *jaundiced, refreshingly unpatronising* look at the medical profession. He sets the tone of the series by informing us that half of what he learnt at medical school is now wrong, but which half is still not clear. In essence a patient's consumer guide to all things medical, the six-part series begins with calls for a register of surgeons' performance. At the moment we rely on our GP to refer us to the right man for the job, but perhaps we should have more than just his word for it. *Healthily sceptical, this is pop medicine at its* most informative and challenging best. If you do not believe me, ask for a second opinion.

Modern Times: Dog Trouble

BBC2, 9.00pm

The clear message from this film by Nick O'Dywer is that the trouble with dogs is their owners. Following six months in the life of Sheffield's dog warden service, the film zeroes in on some bitter disputes between neighbours that escalate to near-violence. One family is at loggerheads with another because the children of one are terrified of the ancient dog of another. A woman who readily *admits she loves her 13 Japanese* akitas more than her children fails to clear up their faeces, so the smell and noise regularly brings in the complaints. A dog is so traumatised by its drunken owner, it is impossible to rescue and has to be put down. The film shows the nasty side of human nature which becomes obsessed with dogs but does not properly care for them.

Naked City

BBC2, 9.50pm

The last in the series which looked at the impact of Margaret Thatcher's deregulation of the City of London in the name of free markets. This programme traces the events leading up to the Big Bang of 1992 and looks at its aftermath. Having joined the ERM, and pegged the pound to the mark, the Conservative Government promised that if sterling fell below the floor of the ERM, the Bank of England would prop it up by buying from anyone who wanted to sell. And sell they did. First the individual speculators and then the institutions, precipitating the crash which eventually cost the taxpayer an estimated £4 billion. The global market, fed by a computer-linked network of news, has taken on a force of its own, answerable to no one, leaving governments and economic destinies at the mercy of its sometimes eccentric whims.

Frances Lass

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6.00am GMTV (1936961)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1482313)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2291110)

10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (s) (11023)

10.30 THIS MORNING (24373416)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (Teletext) (4076665)

12.30 NEWS *(Teletext) and weather* (4215435)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (s) (4127226) **1.25 CORONATION STREET** (r) (Teletext) (s) (7196787) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (r) (Teletext) (s) (57275936) **2.25 CROSS WITS** (Teletext) (s)(57287771) **2.50 VANESSA** (Teletext) (s) (6161961)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4273329)

3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4192400)

3.30 TOTS TV CLASSICS (3775690)

3.40 THE PARKIES (7532752) **3.50 ZZZAP!** (r) (8402787) **4.10 THE TWISTED TALES OF FELIX THE CAT** (s) (9782348) **4.20 FANTOMCAT** (5728110) **4.45 IT'S A MYSTERY** (1072435)

5.10 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (Teletext) (s) (7550145)

5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (431690)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (815684)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (348987)

7.00 SPORTSWEEK (5348)

7.00 WHEEL OF FORTUNE Hosted by Nicky Campbell (5348)

Lancashire and Kennedy (7.30pm)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Curly (Kevin Kennedy) and Raquel (Sarah Lancashire) hit marriage troubles (Teletext) (87684)

8.30 FILM: Last Action Hero (1993) With Arnold Schwarzenegger, F. Murray Abraham and Charles Dance. When Danny, aged 11, is given a magic ticket by a *strange projectionist, he is* transported onto the cinema screen. Thanks to his advance knowledge of the plot he is able to help his silver screen hero out of an awkward situation and becomes his partner. But trouble looms when the baddie tries to seize the magic cinema ticket. Directed by John McTiernan. **Continues after the news** (Teletext) (s) (50067)

10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (26868)

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (108400)

10.40 THE LAST ACTION HERO continued and concluded (Teletext) (s) (273058)

11.35 HUNTER (863145)

12.40am REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL (3461207) **1.10 GOD'S GIFT** (7534559) **2.10 CYBER.CAFE** (1144578) **2.35 DEAR NICK** (2177269) **3.35 NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXTRA** (5394220) **4.15 SOUND BITES** (48590375)

4.30 THE TIME... THE PLACE (11288)

5.00 DUTY FREE (80820)

5.30 ITN MORNING NEWS (13443)

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As HTV West except:

12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (4127226)

1.25 CROSS WITS (39783226)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24254313)

2.20 VANESSA (57279752)

2.50-3.20 OUR HOUSE (6161961)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7550145)

7.00-7.30 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (5348)

11.35 CENTRAL SPORTS SPECIAL (689665)

12.50am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (7511608)

1.25 GOD'S GIFT (9501917)

2.20 *DEAR NICK* *(1252882)*

3.15 IN FOCUS (7078443)

4.00 SOUND BITES (56297443)

4.05 LATE & LOUD (3263085)

5.00 JOBFINDER (5540240)

5.20 ASIAN EYE (1356882)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.25pm-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (4084684)

12.55 CORONATION STREET (4127226)

1.25-1.55 CROSS WITS (39783226)

1.55 HOME AND AWAY (29000787)

2.25 VANESSA (57278023)

2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (1516077)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7550145)

6.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (34329)

7.00-7.30 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (5348)

11.35 THE WESTCOUNTRY MATCH (863145)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55 CROSS WITS (4127226)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39783226)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24254313)

2.20 *VANESSA* *(57279752)*

2.50-3.20 PERFECTLY PETS (6161961)

5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7550145)

6.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (435)

6.30 PUT IT TO THE TEST (787)

7.00-7.30 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (5348)

11.35 THE MERIDIAN MATCH (542665)

12.10am THE ROYAL FILM PERFORMANCE (4908356)

5.00 FREESCREEN (80820)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55pm CROSS WITS (4127226) **1.25 HOME AND AWAY** (39783226) **1.55 JUSTICE OF THE LAND** (24254313) **2.20 VANESSA** (57279752) **2.50-3.20 HOPE AND GLORIA** (6161961) **5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET** (7550145) **7.00-7.30 WHEEL OF FORTUNE** *(5348)* ***11.35 MIDWEEK KICK-OFF!*** (863145)

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7.00am THE BIG BREAKFAST (56684) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (23495) **9.30 YSGOLION** (814416) **12.00pm HOUSE TO HOUSE** (16481) **12.30 LIFT OFF** (44752) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (7002394) **1.35 Film: RIVER OF NO RETURN** (58259690) **3.15 MONTEL WILLIAMS** (6165874) **4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE** (400) **4.30 ANTON MOSIMANN** (684) **5.00 5 PUMP** (4446) **5.30 COUNTDOWN** (936) **6.05 HENO** (999690) **6.35 SION A SIAN** (155329) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (193394) **7.25 DILYN CWYS** (457435) **8.00 GWYN A'I FYD** (9110) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (1145) **9.00 WANTED** (7226) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (658110) **10.35 CUTTING EDGE** (182752) **11.35 CAROLINE IN THE CITY** (160400) **12.05am HOMICIDE** (3555578) **1.05 FOUR-MATIONS** (6887153) **1.35 LETTER FROM AMERICA** (3513288)

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6.35am TAKE 5 (3247139)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (56684)

9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER Cookery (23495)

9.30 SCHOOLS: Good Health 9.45 Book box 10.00 Stage Two Science 10.15 Making Sense of Science 10.45 Co Sinn Is Carson? 11.07 Lost Animals 11.15 The Mix 11.30 Rat-A-Tat-Tat 11.45 First Edition (814416)

12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (16481)

12.30pm LIFT OFF (r) (44752)

1.00 SESAME STREET (45435)

2.00 THE LIVING SEA: Gulliver's World (s) (2874)

2.30 FILM: Background to Danger (b/w, 1943) with George Raft as an American agent in the Second World War. Directed by Raoul Walsh (Teletext) (75503)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (s) (400) **4.30 COUNTDOWN** (Teletext) (s) (684) **5.00 RICKI LAKE** (Teletext) (s) (5051400) **5.45 ANTON MOSSIMAN — Naturally** (Teletext) (712077)

6.00 PARTY OF FIVE: Valentine's Day (Teletext) (s) (260936)

6.50 FRESH POP featuring the Pet Shop Boys talking about their latest release (483874)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (191752)

7.55 THE SLOT (514503)

John Sandford as Nat (8.00pm)

8.00 BROOKSIDE Nat (John Sandford) has to come up with some convincing answers when he is taken to the police station for questioning. Will Jimmy revert to his old ways to pay off his son's debts? (9110)

8.30 WANTED Three pairs of fugitives take part in a game of hide-and-seek across Britain (s) (76042)

9.30 THE LOVERS Geoffrey tries to persuade Beryl to enter a "trial marriage". With Richard Beckinsale and Paula Wilcox (Teletext) (37416)

10.00 THE FRAGILE HEART (2/4) Medical drama with Nigel Hawthorne and Dearbhla Molloy. Edgar Pascoe and his son are in China preparing for a clandestine operation on a Communist leader (Teletext) (s) (2442067)

11.20 RORY BREMNER — WHO ELSE? (r) (947416)

12.00 WEEKLY PLANET presented by Jon Snow (255743)

1.35am DISPATCHES Another chance to see last week's investigation (r) (Teletext) *(7454694)*

2.20 A LOVE DIVIDED A couple are kept apart by political, cultural and racial forces (r) (2833191)

3.20 FILM: Rhapsody In Blue (b/w, 1945) *Robert Alda stars as George Gershwin in* this biographical account of how George and his brother Ira became famous as composer and lyricist. Directed by Irving Rapper (18718559) Ends at **5.50**

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (3624058) **7.20** *Press Your Luck (3531394)* **7.40** *Jeopardy!* (5590537) **8.10** Hotel (6741435) **9.00** Another World (5495936) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (3649892) **10.40** Real TV (7483503) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (5257684) **12.00** Geraldo (83665) **1.00pm** One to Three (50936) **3.00** Jenny Jones (99752) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (81787) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6752) **6.00** The New Adventures of Superman (85077) **7.00** The Simpsons (7461) **7.30** MASH (6394) **8.00** Speed! (39868) **9.00** The Outer Limits (15232) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (25619) **11.00** The New Adventures of Superman (96226) **12.00** Midnight Caller (31578) **1.00am** LAPD (38462) **1.30** Real TV (45240) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (17443)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (8490315) **8.00** Tekwar (2195923) **9.00** [illegible] (5945400) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (2312023) **12.00 FILM: Son of Paleface** (8884240) **2.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (5049707)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Kid (1921) (12058) **7.00 *Spoils of War* (1993)** (24149787) **8.35 Champions: A Love Story (1979)** (34367797) **10.15 Crooks Anonymous (1962)** (9326684) **12.00 Eleven Harrowhouse (1974)** (40503) **2.00pm *Other Women's Children* (1993)** (38771) **4.00 The Lies Boys Tell (1994)** (1684) **6.00 Abandoned and Deceived (1995)** (56936) **7.30 E! News Week in Review** (7684) **8.00 She Fought Alone (1995)** (79752) **10.00 *China Moon* (1994)** (382554) **11.40 *Animal Instincts II* (1995)** (313868) **1.15am The *Saint of Fort* Washington (1993)** (552559) **3.00 Attack of the 50ft Woman (1994)** (21823) **4.30 Other Women's Children (1993)** (11795)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Little Miss Millions (1992) (30232) **7.30 Journey to the Centre of the Earth** (48619) **8.30 Tintin: The Lake of Sharks (1972)** (46961) **10.00 Hart to Hart: Secrets of the Hart (1995)** (79416) **12.00 Brothers' Destiny (1995)** (48145) **2.00pm Death of a Cheerleader (1994)** (205416) **3.45 Off on a Comet** (4653232) **4.40 Tintin: The Lake of Sharks (1972)** (7672232) **6.00 Bandit: Bandit (1994)** (27077) **8.00 Outbreak (1995)** (26394) **10.00 Poetic Justice (1993)** (87961) **12.00 Judicial Consent (1995)** (514627) **1.40am The Haunting of Lisa (1995)** (6756269) **3.10 Stalingrad (1994)** (94983530)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Count of Monte Cristo (1934) (8381348) **6.00 The Window (1949)** (92274058) **7.45 Waterloo (1971)** (72683936) **10.00 The Killer Elite (1975)** (23411874) **12.05am White Mischief (1987)** (8150578) **1.55 Sorry Wrong Number (1948)** (52663795) **3.25-5.10 The Barbarian and the Geisha (1958)** (1643511)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm. 6.00am Mouse Tracks (6816771) **6.25** Quack Attack (6908706) **6.50** Bonkers (6480619) **7.15** Darkwing Duck (9344787) **7.40** Aladdin (3089684) **8.05** Mighty Ducks *(7557484)* **8.30** *Timon and Pumbaa* (2961665) **8.40** Bonkers (2792313) **9.05** Mouse Tracks (6032868) **9.30** Big Garage (7519752) **9.45** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (249435) **10.15** Muppet Babies (8127868) **10.40** Adventures in Wonderland (2147058) **11.10** Quack Attack (7299139) **11.40** Under the Umbrella Tree (9366787) **12.10pm** Fraggle Rock (6382619) **12.35** Lamb Chop's Play Along! (4392315) **1.05** Mouse Tracks (6941065) **1.30** Aladdin (61657226) **1.55** Darkwing Duck (61738145) **2.25** Walt Disney Presents (9368139) **3.00** Quack Attack (7610868) **3.20** Mouse Tracks (2503597) **3.50** Bonkers (1003868) **4.15** Goof Troop (7384503) **4.35** Darkwing Duck (7896771) **5.00** Aladdin (1591752) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (8625597) **5.35** Bonkers (167503) **6.00** Mighty Ducks (3868) **6.30** Blossom (5608) **7.00** *Home Improvement* (3706) **7.30** Dr Quinn (891416) **8.15** Second Noah (244139) **9.00** Blossom (81771) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (16042)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (23394) **7.30** World Wrestling Federation: Blast Off (97597) **8.30** Racing News (40597) **9.00** Sports Centre (37077) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (78868) **10.00** Squash: Qatar International (31313) **11.00** The Footballers' Football Show (24077) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (44313) **12.30pm** Golf: Grand Slam (6183145) **4.30** Rebel Sports (7619) **4.50** Sports Centre (7998665) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation: Challenge (8665) **6.00** Sports Centre (5684) **6.30** Grass Roots Rugby (6936) **7.00** Futbol Mundial (9394) **7.30** Inside the PGA Tour (8348) **8.00** Cricket: Sahara Cup (62110) **10.00** Sports Centre (45042) **10.30** Futbol Mundial (27690) **11.00** Grass Roots Rugby (28232) **11.30** Inside the PGA Tour (23941) **12.00** Live Golf: Grand Slam (2727714) **4.00am-4.30** Sports Centre (16849)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Beach Volleyball *(25221348)* **1.00pm** Ringside Boxing (52641771) **4.00** Sailing: Round Britain Challenge (10763955) **4.30** Golf Extra (68199787) **6.00** Beach Volleyball (25210232) **7.00** Sports Centre (36956058) **7.30** Live Coca-Cola Cup Football (53028610) **10.00** Golf Extra (55449690) **11.30-12.00** *Sports Centre (99794110)*

EUROSPORT

7.30am Offroad (82665) **8.30** Motorcycling (81969) **9.30** IndyCar (50394) **11.00** Sportscar (19145) **12.00** Car Racing (59787) **1.00pm** Slam (13981) **1.30** Snowboarding (66023) **2.00** Equestrianism (73464) **3.00** Motorcycling (37936) **4.00** Motorcycling (49771) **5.00** Motors (23874) **7.00** Touring Car (77042) **8.00** Live Tennis (60706) **10.00** Football (32435) **12.00-12.30** Four-Wheels (94356)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (8773226) **6.30** Tickle on the Turn (85476619) **6.45** 1-2-3 Go! (77956348) **7.00** Allsorts (2535129) **7.15** Tickle on the Turn (6679042) **7.30** Graham's Ark (1481508) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1510694) **8.30** *Runway* (1519855) **9.00** Families (1606435) **9.30** Crown Court (5711416) **10.00** Summer on the Estate (7565329) **10.30** The Brothers McGregor (1602619) **11.00** All for Love (4435428) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (1513771) **12.30pm** Affairs of the Heart (5715232) **1.00** Crown Court (5131824) **1.30** Families (5714503) **2.00** Within These Walls (7566058) **3.00** The Brothers McGregor (7657503) **3.30** Park High (7065110) **4.00** Jeeves and Wooster (1891665) **5.00** All for Love (7575955) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (7061394) **6.30** Families (7158874) **7.00** The Doctor Series: In Charge 2 (7576684) **7.30** Affairs of the Heart (7154058) **8.00** El CID (6020139) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (6576348) **9.35** The Good Life Guide (1491139) **10.00-11.00** Jeeves and Wooster (6109690) **From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors**

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features and Your Stars presented by Russell Grant **From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine.** Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith and Keith Floyd **From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty.** Includes Natural Health **From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden.** Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: James Stewart *(2489752)* **5.00** *Modern Marvels (2246684)* **6.00** Our Century (1764665) **7.00-8.00** Biography: 'Wild Bill' Hickok (4967139)

The Swedish super-group Abba (VH-1, all day)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday to Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable. **8.00pm** Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (2329961) **8.30** The Twilight Zone (2242869) **9.00 FILM: The UFO Incident** (4042874) **11.00** Friday the 13th (6271313) **12.00** The Incredible Hulk (8651714) **1.00am** The Twilight Zone (8968820) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (2943172) **2.00** New Alfred Hitchcock (5853608) **2.30** Night Gallery (5965443) **3.00** Friday the 13th (3861240) **3.55-4.00** Quarks (34066956)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (1152077) **9.30** Gardens without Borders Special (9355333) **10.00** Go Fishing (2435226) **10.30** House Style (1141961) **11.00** Homemaker (8134226) **11.30** Craftwise (8135955) **12.00** Julia Child (1069313) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (1250969) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (7604892) **1.30** Home Again (6105810) **2.00** Furniture to Go (2090565) **2.30** *Secret Gardens (8363394)* **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (2002400) **3.30-4.00** The Old House (8375139)

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UK GOLD

7.00am Going for Gold (2675955) **7.35** Crossroads (4652110) **8.00** Neighbours (2139077) **8.25** EastEnders (2237042) **9.00** The Bill (1154435) **9.30** Big Deal (7275400) **10.30** The Sullivans (1150619) **11.00** Juliet Bravo (9404874) **12.00** Crossroads (35010313) **12.25pm** Neighbours (35013400) **12.55** EastEnders (3885771) **1.30** Rosie (6919077) **2.10** A Little Bit of Dawson (34846503) **2.25** Up the Elephant and Round the Castle (5006961) **3.00** Sale of the Century (2184058) **3.30** The Bill (8377597) **4.00** Casualty (8127936) **5.00** EastEnders (1983058) **5.35** Crossroads (3304771) **6.00** George and Mildred (8366481) **6.30** Till Death Us Do Part (5489225) **7.05** Bob's Full House (5166313) **7.45** Every Second Counts (5866892) **8.25** On the Up (8041394) **9.00** Taggart (87521771) **10.05** The Bill (6964684) **10.40** The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin (8629503) **11.20** The Best of Top of the Pops (2062077) **12.00 FILM: They're a Weird Mob** (7426530) **1.55am** Shopping at Night (13560627)

TCC

6.00am *Swan's Crossing* (6805665) **6.20** Meltdown Cybernet (6808481) **6.45** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left [illegible] Ready or Not (710348) **7.45** California Dreams (719619) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (151226) **8.45** Art Attack (7113145) **9.00** Tiny TCC (Until 3.00pm): Tiny and Crew (8160145) **9.20** Brum (8077481) **9.40** Johnson and Friends (5327752) **10.00** Robin and Rosie of Cockleshell Bay (8217435) **10.20** Philbert the Frog (3825232) **10.40** Charlie Chalk (7251394) **11.00** Dinobabies (74481) **11.30** *Jim Henson's Animal Show (75110)* **12.00** Barney (71481) **12.30pm** Where's Wally? (91892) **1.00** Casper and Friends (75077) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (81653400) **1.55** Johnson and Friends (13681232) **2.20** Bump (10418684) **2.40** Mr Benn (9400868) **3.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (1771) **3.30** Ready or Not (3058) **4.00** California Dreams (9665) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (1077)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (49905) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (95077) **7.00** Rocko's Modern Life (7539936) **7.15** Hey Arnold (4921684) **7.30** Rugrats (33771) **8.00** Doug (49868) **8.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (48139) **9.00** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (35619) **9.30** Wishbone (69110) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5477416) **10.10** Katie and Orbie (5740874) **10.35** Mr Men (9045665) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (9138329) **11.00** BBC Block (22619) **12.00** Clarissa Explains It All (42956) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (70226) **1.00** Barber (38435) **1.30** Katie and Orbie (79597) **2.00** *Little Bear Stories (9349)* **2.30** BBC Block (49232) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (7042) **4.00** Hey Arnold (9077) **4.30** Rugrats (1375348) **4.45** Doug (1363503) **5.00** Sister Sister (8400) **5.30** Moesha (6313) **6.00** Round the Twist (3226) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark?

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (7936) **7.30** Benson (9690) **8.00** Due South (66936) **9.00** Almost Perfect (21329) **9.30** Taxi (56690) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (43684) **10.30** Flying Blind (25232) **11.00** Paramount Presents (26874) **11.30** Nightstand (26752) **12.30am** Sledge Hammer! (50424) **1.00** Due South (55240) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (83511) **2.30** Paramount Presents (80266) **3.00** Flying Blind (69356) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (93998)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (2600400) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (7856508) **2.00** Return of the Saint (2423481) **3.00** The Champions (8133597) **4.00** Moses (2000042) **6.00** Joe 90 (8464077) **6.30** Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (8455329) **7.00** The Water Margin (5444706) **8.00** Starsky and Hutch (5357226) **9.00** Crime Story (5433290) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Where's Poppa?**

UK LIVING

***6.00am** Kilroy* ***7.00** The Agony Experience* **7.25** Super Fresco Fabulosous **7.30** The Young and the Restless **8.20** Delia Smith's Cookery Course **8.55** Turnabout **9.35** Call the Doctor **10.00** Super Fresco Fabulosous **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show **11.00** *The Young and the Restless* **11.55** Brookside **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit **12.50** Gabrielle **1.40** Rolonda **2.30** The Agony Experience **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? **4.30** Talkabout **5.05** Lingo **5.30** Lucky Ladders **6.00** Bewitched **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook **7.05** Brookside **7.35** Super Fresco Fabulosous **7.40** Trivial Pursuit **8.00** General Practice **9.00 FILM: Codename: Dancer** **10.50** Entertainment Now! **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (6416) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (70771) **6.30** Catchphrase (4874) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (3752) **7.30** Hart to Hart (98706) **8.30** Rising Damp (4435) **9.00** Bergerac (95416) **10.00** Ruth Rendell Mysteries: The Speaker of Mandarin (98503) **11.00** Rising Damp (62690) **11.30** *Evening Shade* (52684) **12.00** Moonlighting (48248) **1.00am** Bergerac (75396) **2.00** Hart to Hart (85578) **3.00** Moonlighting (59240) **4.00** All Together Now (50207) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (99511)

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ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Life Style East **8.30** Positive Health Show **9.00** Bengali Serial Ebar Tumbe Mawja **9.30** Abhinetri **10.00** Tara **11.00** Manasi **11.30** Daraar **12.00** Dance Mania **12.30pm** *Intezaar* **1.00** *Urdu* **FILM: Saahiba** **4.00** Public Demand **5.00** ZEE Zone **5.30** Film Chakkar **6.00** Campus **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Hit Thi Hai Ha **7.30** Banegi Apni Baat **8.00** News and Euronews **8.30** Dastaan **9.05-12.00 Hindi FILM: Aaj Ka Daur**

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.

9.00pm Pennies from Heaven (1982) (38685313) **11.00 Julius Caesar (1953)** (13290684) **1.05am The Sandpiper (1965)** (38419085) **3.05-5.00 Joe the Busybody (1959)** (48836153)

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Leading lights who were ahead of rest of the field

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Wilson takes first steps down long road to recovery

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Henman outlines plan to double his efforts after routine first-round triumph

Bates puts case for national unity

By Alix Ramsay

THERE were signs of British tennis past, present and future yesterday in Telford at the Guardian Direct British national championships. The past came in the shape of Jeremy Bates, the present was represented — as it has been all year — by Tim Henman, while the future promises the two of them working in tandem.

Bates took a few tentative steps out of retirement to dispose of David Draper 6-4, 6-4 and make his way into the second round, his first competitive match since Wimbledon. Apart, that is, from an over-35s event in Germany three weeks ago, when he beat Anders Jarryd in the final. Quite what he was doing there is unclear — Bates is still only 34 — but, having won six titles here, Bates could not resist the call of one last week in Telford.

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He has few ambitions for his own tennis this week and once Draper was sent packing he seemed rather more excited about his new role with the Lawn Tennis Association, taking charge of men's national training. In the days when Bates was making his way up the ranks, there was little in the way of a recognisable system to help him. Now he is in charge, Bates wants to make a difference.

"I want to see the development of good juniors into good seniors," Bates said. "I want to start a number of things. We will try to set up some training camps with juniors and seniors both involved, hopefully in Florida a couple of times a year. We will get Tim and Greg [Rusedski] involved, as well as the leading juniors and the leading coaches."

The idea is to get around 20 players at under-15 and under-16 level together to learn from the professionals. "It's good for the juniors to be involved with the seniors," Bates said, a point reinforced by Henman. "I practised with Jeremy a lot when I was young," he said, "and I learnt that there is no magic secret. Hopefully the younger players will see Greg and myself practise and learn the same. They will see that we work hard but we also have a lot of fun with what we're doing."

Henman has a few plans of his own for the future. The past few weeks have hardly been productive, with three first-round losses in three weeks. But while a 6-4, 6-2 first-round win over Gregg Saffery, a 24-year-old qualifier who struggles to make a living on the satellite circuit, does not constitute a significant achievement, a win is a still a win. "Yeah, I was fairly anxious not to make it four in a row," he said with a hint of a grin.

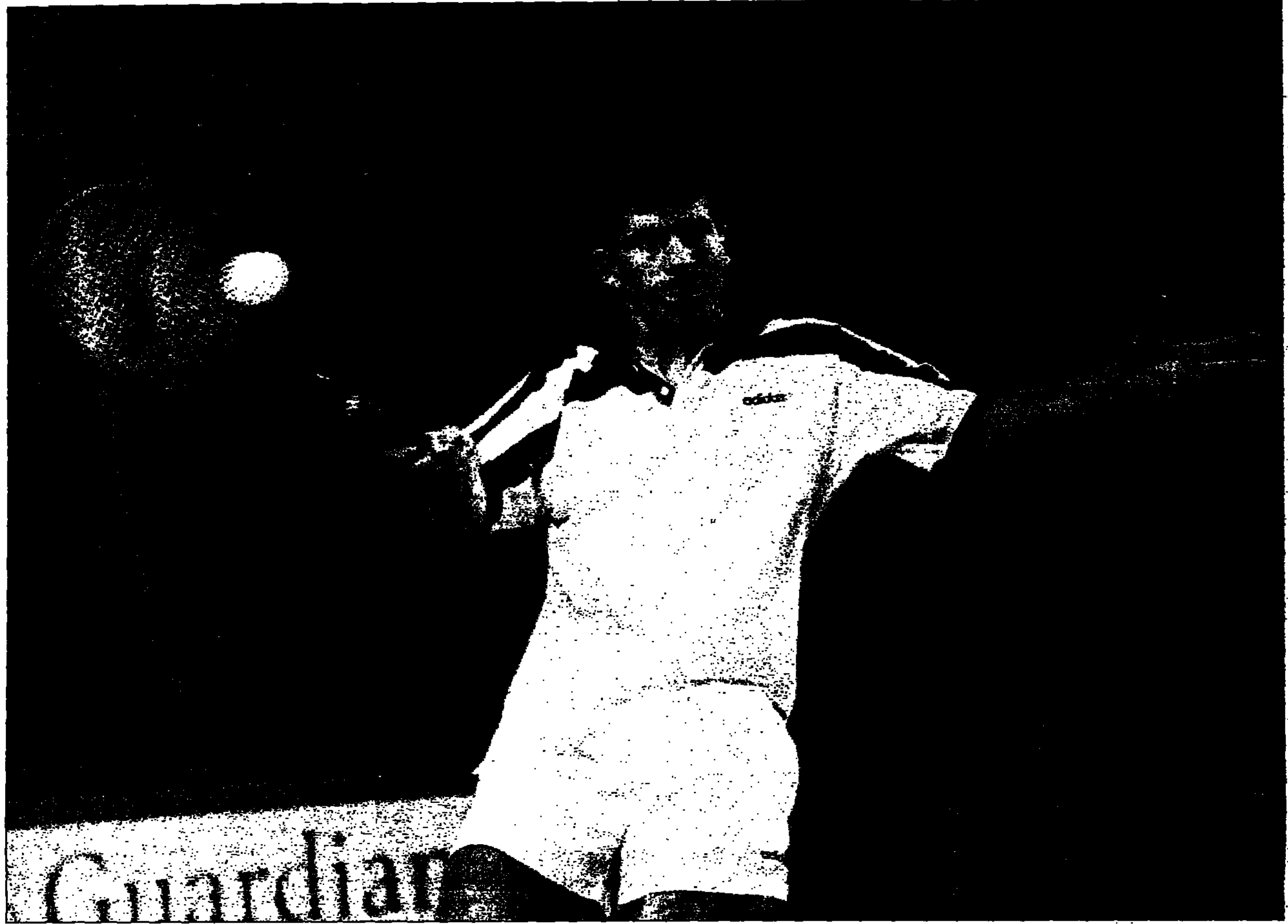
After a spectacular year that has taken him to a handful of semi-finals but no further, Henman is now planning the next step for the new year. Part of the plan is to play more doubles in order to improve his physical and mental stamina. At the moment he is comparing diaries with Jan Siemerink, of Holland, to see whether they can set up a regular partnership.

"Maybe I need to become fitter and stronger," he said. "I've not progressed beyond the semi-finals, when I am playing opponents who are supposedly fitter and stronger, and playing more doubles is an area that I think will help to improve my physical condition and strength." Not that he needed a great deal of either against Saffery, unlike his opposite number in the British women's rankings.

Sam Smith, the No 1 seed, struggled for nearly two hours against Abigail Tordoff before edging through 2-6, 7-5, 6-3. There must have been something in the air at the Telford International Centre as just a couple of hours later Rachel Viollet, the No 2 seed, went out to Lorna Woodroffe. Viollet can just about lay claim to being British. She was born in Manchester but has spent most of her 24 years in Miami and, faced with the prospect of a cold, wet November in Telford, she went out 6-4, 6-4.

The former British No 1, Clare Wood, was not enjoying her spell in Telford either. She made heavy weather of her victory over Shirli-Ann Siddall, struggling through a marathon match to win 6-7, 6-4, 6-2. She sped to convincing leads in the first two sets before allowing Siddall back into the fight. But she finally learnt her lesson and headed for the second round.

The two national junior champions, Arvind Parmar, from Hertfordshire, and Louise Latimer, from Warwickshire, both made the most of their wild cards yesterday. Parmar beat Mike Boulding, from Yorkshire, 6-4, 6-3, while Latimer defeated Vicky Davies, from Wales, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.



Henman, the British No 1, had little difficulty accounting for Saffery in the first round of the national championships yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Union puts forward plan for peace with clubs

By Christopher Irvine

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) last night delivered its offer to the leading English clubs — £8 million this season and £10 million the following two seasons — as the price of peace in the year-long battle with English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc).

A letter to the clubs, explaining details of a revised agreement proposed by the RFU, says: "As we hope you will see, the agreement as drafted is generous, fair and reasonable, and represents a proper balance between the desire of the Epruc clubs for autonomy and the RFU's duty as a governing body to be a proper guardian of the game."

The offer, which the clubs have been asked to approve in principle by tomorrow, apparently has the backing of at least one second division club, Nottingham. It further allows for two Epruc members to be co-opted onto the RFU executive.

It remains to be seen whether Epruc, which has circulated its own draft agreement to clubs, and which the RFU finds unacceptable, will support the offer at a meeting in Northampton today. Epruc has already held out an olive branch in promising to release players from the first and second divisions for divisional matches next month.

The fixture chaos, which has angered clubs and is almost certain to see further postponements because of clashes of league and international dates, is also being looked at. Roger Pickering, the chief executive of the five nations' committee, offered hope of a properly-structured campaign for international teams, clubs and provinces throughout Britain and France from next September.

"We are looking at a pan-European structure, whereby club matches and internationals would be played on the same dates in each country," he said.

☐Italy have recalled Massimo Cuttitta, their captain, after injury and Corrado Covi, the flanker, after a five-year absence, for the squad to face England at Twickenham on November 23.

SQUAD: M Cuttitta (captain), A Castellani, W Cristofoletto, I Francescato, L Manteri, D Scaglia, A Sgorlon, A Troncon, O Arancio, D Dominguez, C Orlandi, F Properzi Curti, S Bordon, A Scanavacca, M Ravazzolo, P Vaccari, A Barattin, C Covi, G Guidi, J Pertile, M Giovanelli.

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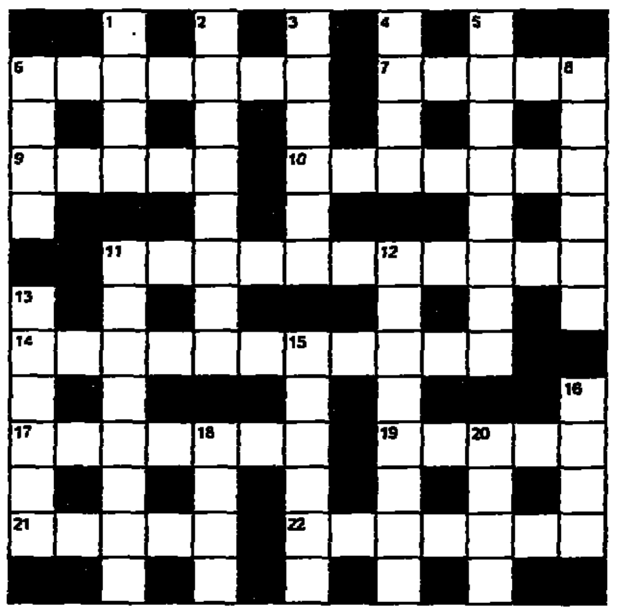

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ACROSS
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7 Forgetfulness plant: water-lily (5)
9 Holy book (5)
10 Jap. floral art (7)
11 Gesture of reconciliation (5,6)
14 (Remark) with nice and nasty meanings (6-5)
17 Got own back (for) (7)
19 Maurice —, Fr. composer (5)
21 Lure; diversion (5)
22 — Kipling (7)

DOWN
1 Point designed to catch (4)
2 Army equipment (8)
3 Edit; check what learnt (6)
4 Adhesive (4)
5 Tense; filtered (8)
6 Island, capital Havana (4)
8 Wrap well: cut-grass strip (6)
11 Wealth (8)
12 Fashion industry (3,5)
13 Eight kings (not inc. Confessor) (6)
15 Last; tolerate (6)
16 Went smoothly, gradually (4)
18 Spanish portraitist (4)
20 Calf meat (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 937

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SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD 933
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ACROSS: 1 Pollster 5 Mess 9 Onion 10 Gluhule 11 Galleon 12 Satyr 13 Women's Lib 18 Anger 20 Shuffle 22 Miranda 23 Stars 24 Neep 25 Peat moss

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1st **PRIZE** of a return ticket travelling economy class to anywhere on BRITISH MIDLAND's domestic or international network is R Clegg, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

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All flights subject to availability.

Ireland lose Aldridge to Rovers

By Our Sports Staff

JOHN ALDRIDGE yesterday announced that he is retiring from international football so that he can concentrate on being player-manager of Tranmere Rovers, of the Nationwide League first division.

Aldridge made his decision known to Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, after being confined to the substitutes' bench throughout the goalless World Cup group eight qualifying match with Iceland in Dublin on Sunday.

The striker, 38, was hoping to score the goal that would have equalled Frank Stapleton's Ireland record of 20 goals, but he said: "I have decided to retire from international football because of my complete commitment as player-manager of Tranmere Rovers Football Club.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has given me their support and encouragement during my ten great years in international football, with precious memories that will stay with me for ever.

"It has been a gut-wrenching decision for me to make, but my commitments now with Tranmere mean that I can no longer afford to be away with the international squad if I am not actually going to play."

McCarthy said: "I'm disappointed but I can understand it." He denied rumours that he had had a difference of opinion with Aldridge. "He's been a great servant to Irish football," McCarthy said.

Aldridge, who won 69 caps for his country, was overlooked in favour of David Kelly, the Sunderland forward, on Sunday.

Andorrans set ball rolling on international career

Football is scaling new heights in the shadow of the Pyrenees,

Simon Wilde reports

ASSUMING the opposition turn up — and as they are Estonia, recent refusniks against Scotland, there can be no guarantee of that — Andorra will become the newest football nation when it hosts its first international match in Andorra La Vella, the capital, today. For a country that has been in existence for more than 700 years and is noted primarily for its views of the Pyrenees, cheap skiing and duty-free shopping, this could be an epoch-making event.

The fixture has generated intense local interest and the Andorra Football Federation (AFF) expects the stadium — described yesterday as "fairly well-equipped" by a Fifa official — to be full. This means a bumper crowd of 1,000; small, perhaps, by British standards, but as that figure constitutes 5 per cent of the native Andorran population (which is outnumbered three-to-one by foreign residents and tourists). England would, proportionally, have to attract a home crowd of three million to match it.

Needless to say, the Andorra team will be largely made up of amateurs — bank clerks, civil servants, accountants and, predictably in a country so dependent on tourism, construction workers, a hotel manager and a lift repair man — and is approaching its first match in suitably Corinthian spirit.

"The result is the least important thing," David Carpa, general secretary of the AFF, said. "The players accept that they are not as well trained as their opponents. There is a lot of euphoria, a lot of expectation."

Andorra, a country of just 175 square miles sandwiched between France and Spain, has no professional league, only 300 registered players and joined Fifa, football's world governing body, five months ago, along with such luminaries as Guam, British Virgin Islands and Palestine (whose membership is, however, still provisional).

They have also joined Uefa, the European governing body, and hope to play in the next European championship, where they could find themselves in the same qualifying group as England. Might England, therefore, take the precaution of playing an exploratory match in Andorra, sampling skiing and duty free on the way, in the near future?

"As long as the match is a test for our players and a reasonable attraction for supporters, we will consider any invitation," an FA spokesman said yesterday.

That could be interpreted as a "yes".

Emerson to remain with Middlesbrough

EMERSON, the Brazil international midfield player, will return to training today with Middlesbrough after a break during which it was suggested that he wanted to leave the FA Carling Premiership club (David Maddock writes). The indications are, however, that the player will be persuaded to stay on Teesside, at least in the short term.

If the Brazilian goes, then there are strong indications that Juninho, his fellow countryman, will follow him out of the Riverside Stadium.

Gianni Palladini, Emerson's agent, who also represents Juninho and Ravanelli, the Italian forward, said that Emerson had been persuaded to give Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, more time to produce a winning team. "There was not a problem at the beginning of the season, because the team was winning," Palladini said. "But lately they have not been winning, and Robson understands the situation. He is going to bring in a few more top-class players and I'm sure that should make them happier. I've convinced Emerson to come back and, hopefully, he will now settle down."

Yesterday, though, the indications were that it was Leeds United and not Middlesbrough who were on the verge of signing an international player. George Graham, the Leeds manager, revealed a strong interest in Ramon Vega, the Switzerland international centre back, who is with the Italian club, Cagliari.

Graham was also busy negotiating a deal which will allow Tomas Brolin to leave for Sampdoria on extended loan, with a view to a possible £2 million transfer at the end of the season.

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